

Meeting Minutes
North Hampton Conservation Commission
October 11, 2011

Administrative

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:06PM. Present were Chris Ganotis (Chair), Lee Brooks (Vice Chair), John Peterson (Treasurer), Anita Pounder, Philip Thayer and Lisa Wilson, Alternate. Members of the public included Phil Wilson, For Ever Co-Chair.

Consideration of Minutes

Minutes of the September 13, 2011 Meeting

After review of the September 13, 2011 minutes, a motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Philip Thayer, to accept the minutes as amended with two corrections made. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was tabled because no bank statement report was provided for the meeting. The Town Treasurer notified the Chair that bank statement reports will be handled by the Town Office staff. This was confirmed in discussions with the Town Administrator.

Old Business

Trail Maintenance Projects

Philip Thayer is still trying to find someone to assist with the trail behind the mall. If he can not find any volunteers to do as a project, he will have his troop assist him.

Lee Brooks made a site walk with Richard Luff on access right-of-way to the conservation land trails behind the Sagamore Golf course. Mr. Luff showed Lee the best access route to the conservation land by crossing the "Yellow Trail", which is the driest trail. Lee reported that the trails are in good shape, but a small amount of cutting needs to be done. He suggested that pointing out the right of way with markers in a brochure would be helpful. He also suggested signage for indicating private property and conservation land boundaries. Lee will take care of putting up the signs and markers.

The Chair will contact Dan Brown regarding the status of the Corbett property trail.

Philip Thayer will ask the owner of Gus's Bicycles if he would consider funding the materials for a water crossing bridge for the trail. The Chair reported that Greg Harned did a great job clearing and marking the Dustin Conservation land trails as a community project.

Trail Use Communications: newsletter, brochure, website

Lisa Wilson has reviewed 50-90 conservation easements and deed restrictions. Most of the public access opportunities are through North Hampton For-Ever parcels. She mentioned that some deeds had not been completely recorded. The Boise property is a wildlife reserve and does not allow public access. She hopes to have a rough draft by next month's meeting.

Town Forest Signs and Trail Clearing

Lisa Wilson reported that she received the additional Town Forest signs, however one was misprinted as 2' instead of 4' and a revised sign is expected next week. The Town Forest signs need to direct the public away from Mrs. Dalton's home and need to be clearly displayed. Lisa will contact Jeff Spaulding to inquire about trail clearing.

New Business

RSA 91A Right to Know Act: Rights and Limitations of Public Bodies: Conservation Commission, pursuant to Chapter 36-A: 1-6

The Chair presented a summary of what the RSA allows under the statutes, including keeping accurate records and files. Lisa Wilson suggested that the Commission needs to take a proactive role in redefining wetlands.

Little River: North Hampton Beach Contamination Correspondence and Update

Update on Bacterial Contamination Testing Project

Funding for this project was approved at the last meeting. Last Wednesday the first wet weather phase of test samples were taken. Test results for all locations showed results that exceeded recreational safe levels. Additional dry weather samples were taken today.

Public Outreach: Newsletter, Newspaper, Website

A newspaper article dated October 7, 2011 entitled "Little River has been polluted for years" included that history shows that the Little River has been polluted for decades with virtually no enforcement to clean up the river. A stronger public awareness program is needed to highlight the importance of mitigating the pollution. The project will have added assistance from the State DES, with enforcement staff expert, Rob Livingston providing support to our consultant, FB Environmental.

ZBA Correspondence

Case 2011:07. Lot 7-136, 9 Hampshire Road is still pending. It was taken up by the Zoning Board at their last meeting. The applicant has notified the ZBA that he plans to re-submit the application. It was not yet available to be deliberated in this meeting.

Planning Board Correspondence

None

Other Correspondence and Other Administrative

New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commission is holding its Annual Meeting on November 5, 2011 in Concord, NH. In addition, NH Audubon distributed a report on "The State of NH's Birds".

There being no further business to discuss, *a motion was made by John Peterson, duly seconded by Philip Thayer, to adjourn the meeting.* The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore
Recording Secretary