

Meeting Minutes
North Hampton Conservation Commission
November 8, 2011

Administrative

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:09PM. Present were Chris Ganotis (Chair), Lee Brooks (Vice Chair), John Peterson (Treasurer), Anita Pounder, Rick Stoklosa ,Lisa Wilson, Alternate and Phil Wilson, Select Board Representative.

Consideration of Minutes

Minutes of the October 11, 2011 Meeting

After review of the October 11, 2011 minutes, a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by John Peterson, to accept the minutes as written with one correction made.
The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

John Peterson reviewed the Treasurer's Report sent by Tom McCormack, which was greatly appreciated. *After review of the report, a motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Rick Stoklosa, to approve the report.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Old Business

Trail Maintenance Projects

Due to Phil Thayer being unable to attend this meeting, the update report on the Outlet Mall Conservation Trail was not given.

Lee Brooks gave an update on the Conservation Land trails project behind the Sagamore Golf Course. He cleared and marked the access trail into the existing Yellow trail, which is now very well marked. He also marked and partially cleared the Green Trail. For existing trails on private property, which are not part of the Conservation project, Mr Richard Luff will place sawhorses or other barriers for signs to be marked "Closed". Lee also cleaned up some limbs from the recent storm. The Chair will make a call to the Southeast Land Trust of NH regarding the original intent of the easement to prohibit hunting, with "no hunting" signs on the land. The land is already posted for "No Hunting".

Trail Use Communications, Newsletter, Brochure, Website

A brief discussion ensued to discuss a review of easement documents to clarify public access and use.

Town Forest Signs and Trail Clearing

Lisa Wilson has worked on an outline, but it is not ready to be presented yet. She and Phil Wilson have put up three new signs at the Town Forest. .

New Business

Little River: North Hampton Beach Contamination Correspondence and Update
Update on bacterial contamination testing project: There was an article in the Hampton Union entitled “***Little River Pollution Problem***” on the front page recently regarding the river’s widespread pollution that has occurred for many years. Health Officer Dennis Cote and Code Enforcement Officer Red Maybe identified three major septic failures, which appear to be contributing to high bacteria counts. It was mentioned that more attention is needed to investigate other septic failure locations. When a recent wet sampling test was completed, all of the test results exceeded the safe water standard for bacteria levels. The project Phase II analysis has not yet been completed. More sampling was scheduled for today and results will be shown in two days. The DES has been assisting by the work of Rob Livingston.

RSA 91A Right to Know Act: Update on Conservation Funding
Chair presented a summary of what the RSA allows regarding funding under the statutes, including where money for funding comes from for Conservation and what can be done with it. Grants, gifts and donations can be accepted and easements can be purchased.

ZBA Correspondence

Case 2011:07. Lot 7-136, 9 Hampshire Rd. Application for variances from proposed leach field setback from wetlands and variance for setback in wetlands buffer
Last Friday was the deadline for this application to be re-filed, but none was received by the Town. The applicant withdrew the application in a prior ZBA meeting.

Planning Board Correspondence – None

Other Correspondence and Other Administrative

There have been no recent updates on legislative agenda on conservation. The Chair recently received and highlighted a Conservation News Bulletin from the NH Association of Conservation Commissions that listed legislative matters regarding conservation.

The Chair also acknowledged the recent passing of Henry Mixter, indicating that Henry was a very highly respected Conservation Commission Chair who made numerous positive work contributions to the Town, including his management of the original Little River Salt Marsh Restoration Project.

Additional Public Comment: None

There being no further business to discuss, ***a motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Lee Brooks, to adjourn the meeting.*** The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore