

**Meeting Minutes
North Hampton Conservation Commission
February 14, 2012**

Administrative

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:08PM. Present were Chris Ganotis (Chair), Lee Brooks (Vice Chair), Anita Pounder, Rick Stoklosa and Lisa Wilson, Alternate. Members of the public included Steve Oles, MSC Engineers & Land Surveyors and Sherrie Trefrey, GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.

Treasurer's Report

The Chair presented the report. *After review of the report, a motion was made by Lisa Wilson, seconded by Rick Stoklosa, to approve the report.* The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration of Minutes

Minutes of the January 18, 2012 Meeting

The minutes of the January 18, 2012 and February 2 were tabled until next month's meeting.

New Business

Minimum Impact Expedited Permit: 70 Ocean Blvd/19 Willow

Steve Oles, MSC Engineer, presented information regarding the re-location of the driveway at 70 Ocean Blvd and 19 Willow to improve the Ocean Blvd. line of sight by removing a stone wall and putting in a section of the original driveway and requesting the Chair to sign an expedited permit application. After some discussion, *a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Rick Stoklosa, for the Chair to approve and sign the expedited permit application.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PSNH Upgrade of Substation

Sherrie Trefrey, GZA GeoEnvironmental, made a presentation regarding the upgrade of lines for improved power supply in that area which would include removing a fence, installing a transformer concrete pad further away from the wetlands buffer and adding a gravel driveway. She added that the project is an essential utility service. After a discussion, *a motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Anita Pounder, to recommend this work be done with the condition that the Planning Board stipulate that the driveway be a pervious type gravel for further drainage so the surface water can percolate.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Little River: DES Grant Application and Proposal Submittal Update

The Select Board approved the submittal of the application at its February 2 meeting. The Chair delivered the application to DES on February 6. A decision will be made in late March regarding the funding amounts and the number of awarded grants that will require applicant matching funds.

Ordinances Amendments

The Zoning Board submitted a number of changes they would like the Planning Board to consider for Ordinance amendments. Two dealt specifically with the conservation: Bodies of Water – definition and boundary locations and Rain Gardens – that gardens not be installed in a location with poorly drained soils. A third ordinance was discussed which would add further wetlands setbacks for septic systems. The Chair discussed with Dr. Leonard Lord what could be done to mitigate septic contamination into the Little River and its tributaries. Dr. Lord recommended that septic systems should be placed further away from the wetlands and with a minimum of 36” cover above the high water table. He also suggested that larger commercial septic systems confirm by a report every three years that their system is functioning properly. Further discussions are underway by the Planning Board on the proposed amendments.

Old Business

Trail Maintenance Projects

Corbett Property: Lee Brooks reported that he and Phil Thayer were unable to meet with Dan Brown to work on trails. The Chair reported that posted signs have been removed. The easement does not prohibit hunting. No Hunting signs would need to be posted every 50 feet. Lee mentioned that information can be obtained on www.NHDeeds.com. Behind Outlet Mall: Lee has marked a proposed biking trail(blue) behind the Outlet mall and Phil marked a hiking trail (pink).

Trail Use Communications

Lisa Wilson reported that out of the 656 acres of conservation, many are largely accessible. She is putting together a list of access locations and of those parcels requiring owners’ prior approval for access.

Town Forest Signs and Trail Clearing

Lisa Wilson doesn’t know how whether the wood from the fallen limbs in the trails could be used for firewood. After some discussion, ***a motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Lee Brooks, to pursue one or more possible interested parties to clean up the debris in the Town Forest.*** The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Non-Public Session

Pursuant to RSA 91A: 3 II (d)

A motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Anita Pounder, to enter into a Non-Public Session for discussion on the purchase of property for conservation.

A unanimous Roll Call vote followed to go into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91A: 3 II (d).

The possible purchase of the property was discussed.

A motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Rick Stoklosa, to adjourn from Non-Public Session. ***The motion carried with a unanimous vote.***

A motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Anita Pounder, to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session, pursuant to RSA 91A: 3 II (d). ***The motion by roll call vote***

was passed unanimously. The action item was to contact a surveyor to get a cost estimate for surveying the property.

Planning Board Correspondence –Discussions concerning Ordinance Amendments at the Joint Meeting of February 14.

Zoning Board Correspondence – Discussions concerning Ordinance Amendments at the Joint Meeting of February 14.

There being no further business to discuss, *a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Rick Stoklosa to adjourn the meeting.* The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore
Recording Secretary