North Hampton Conservation Commission Special Meeting Minutes March 28, 2012

Administrative

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM. Present were Chris Ganotis (Chair), Lee Brooks, (Vice Chair), Anita Pounder, Philip Thayer and Lisa Wilson. (Alternate)

New Business

Dalton Town Forest – The Town Forest needs a lot of clean up work from wood debris on the trails including clearing and chipping of downed trees and harvest limbs. The Chair received a preliminary estimate from Mike Hornsby, that the clean-up work will take about 3 weeks and 80 hours of manpower. After some discussion, a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Philip Thayer, to approve to spend up to \$10,000, taken from the Capital Reserve #8 Fund to clean up the brush on the trails at the Town Forest. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. The Chair will speak with the Select Board for getting its approval on the amount.

Corbett Trails - There was discussion on trail clearing and marking for access to the Robie Conservation Easement. Philip Thayer reported that more ribbon markers are needed to show the alternate access route. After some discussion, a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Anita Pounder, to request Michelle Peckham to draft a deed amendment to reflect access from the Corbett property to the access point of the Robie easement. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Chair will contact Michelle Peckham for assistance on the property access for the Robie easement deed amendment. The Chair asked Philip Thayer to provide GPS coordinates for the trail and access point. Three bridges also need to be placed at water crossings. Signs are needed to indicate that dogs must be leashed while on the trail. Public notice should be made to invite residents to walk the trails, however the Conservation Commission will get convene and walk them beforehand to ensure trail safety.

Old Business

Non-Public Session

Pursuant to RSA 91A:3 II (d)

A motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Lisa Wilson, to enter into a Non-Public Session to discuss the acquisition of conservation land. A unanimous Roll Call vote followed to go into the Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91:A:3 II (d). The possible purchase of the property was discussed.

A motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Lisa Wilson, to adjourn the Non-Public Session. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. No action was taken in the Non-Public session.

Old Business

The Chair received a call from Town resident, Peter Philbrick, who works for EPA in North Chemsford, MA. He read about the commission's grant decision and would like to assist with testing water quality samples from the Little River watershed.

The Chair described the Town Annual Report & Newsletter regarding land use from a conservation perspective. Acreage of wetlands has increased considerably between 1962 through 2010.

There being no further business to discuss, *a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Lisa Wilson, to adjourn the meeting.* The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:24PM.

Respectfully submitted, Beverly Moore Recording Secretary