

North Hampton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2012

Administrative

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:11PM. Present were Chris Ganotis (Chair), Lee Brooks (Vice Chair), John Peterson (Treasurer), Anita Pounder, Philip Thayer and Alternate Lisa Wilson. Members of the public included Sandy Breton, David Farrell, Brian Hart, Glenn Martin, Arthur Nadeau, Sam Piper, Atty. Bernie Pelech, Steve Riker and Dick Wollmar.

Consideration of Minutes

Minutes of the April 10, 2012 Meeting

After review of the April 10, 2012 minutes, with one correction (omitting: “from Cedar Road to Atlantic Avenue” to “behind the Outlet Mall to Gus’s Bike Shop” in Lee Brooks reporting of trails, a motion was made by Philip Thayer, duly seconded by Lee Brooks, to accept the minutes as amended. The motion carried with a unanimous vote, with John Peterson and Lisa Wilson abstaining.

Treasurer’s Report

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

Old Business

Trail Maintenance Projects

Behind Outlet Mall - Lee Brooks reported on the trail behind the Outlet Mall, which he has marked with blue trail markers. He did not mark one of the existing wide trails, since it was clear where to go. He commented that parking for this trail is available in the outlet mall parking lot

Behind Golf Course Trails – Continued work on the trails behind the golf course will be the next project.

Corbett Trails – Lee Brooks reported that yellow markers have been placed for the main trail and a section of the entrance needs to be cleared.

Trail Use Communications, Newsletter, Web Site

Lisa Wilson reported that by the next meeting, a draft description for the trails will be completed for Commission review and discussion.

Dalton Town Forest – The Chair reported that the contractor has cleared the trails, which had slash from the logging harvest left on the ground. Chipping will be done, with the chips placed on the trail. He suggested a small walking trail loop along the northern

stone wall boundary. He mentioned that a raised bed flower garden was placed around the granite Town Forest sign.

Budget Expenditures through Fiscal 2012

The operating budget was discussed and approved to include the expenditures of \$2,000 for trail maintenance from the budget and \$800 from the town Forest checking account. An additional expenditure was approved for up to \$100.00 to cover small operating expenses, including trail marking posts, postage expenses and miscellaneous supplies such as producing and mounting new maps.

New Business

Little River Update – The Chair spoke with Sally Soule, Director of Watershed Management at the DES. She reported that another RFP is planned to be issued for storm water management that may be eligible for a grant for septic systems monitoring and bacteria testing. The Chair mentioned that a high priority for testing will be Microbial Source Testing (MST) to discern human bacteria vs. animal bacteria. It is planned to be done in the early part of the summer.

Zoning Board Correspondence - Atty. Bernie Pelech, of Wholley & Pelech Law Office presented information regarding 9 Hampshire Road, Map 7, Lot 136 wetlands delineation and septic system for plans requiring a variance from the 75 foot setback requirement. He pointed out that the variance is for approximately 3.5 feet. The proposed house location is about 21.4 feet from the border of the wetlands setback. Ms. Breton added that the septic system will incorporate an aerobic digestion pre-treatment design. There was further discussion regarding impervious surfaces, with a need to determine the increase in surface water run-off and on-site mitigation of runoff. The discussion indicated a willingness of the applicant to further investigate the quantity of runoff, the mitigation options and the use of pervious driveway surface. *After review of Atty. Pelech's presentation and further Commission discussion, a motion was made by Anita Pounder, duly seconded by John Peterson, to retain a wetland scientist from the Rockingham Conservation District to review the plan, visit the site and assess the wetlands characteristics to give a recommendation to the Commission on the wetland issues applicable to this application.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote. Lee Brooks and Lisa Wilson recused themselves from this vote.

Non-Public Session

Pursuant to RSA 91A: 3 II (d)

A motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by John Peterson, to enter into Non-Public Session for discussion on the purchase of property for conservation. Pursuant to the RSA. A unanimous Roll Call vote followed to convene a Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91A: 3 II (d).

The Chair invited Brian Hart, Director of Southeast NH Land Trust and Dick Wollmar to make a presentation regarding the proposed parcels. Following the presentation and further discussion, *a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by John Peterson,*

to adjourn from Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91A: 3 II (d). The motion carried with a unanimous roll call 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, with the action taken was to fund an appraisal for prospective land to be acquired for conservation.

Other Correspondence & Other Administrative

Member Term Appointments – Discussions concerning upcoming new term appointments.

The Chair then thanked all who worked on the Town Report which gave special recognition to long-time former Commission member Shirley Carter He also thanked John Peterson for his dedicated service on the Commission as its Treasurer. John's term on the Commission is ending and he has decided not to seek another term appointment.

There being no further business to discuss, *a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by John Peterson, to adjourn the meeting.* The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:46PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore