

North Hampton Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2012

**Administrative**

**Roll Call**

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

A short recess was called at 7:05 p.m. to represent the Commission at a simultaneously scheduled Select Board Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 13 for approval of a submission of a Watershed Assistance Grants Proposal.

**During the recess, the Select Board voted to approve the application for the Watershed Assistance Grants program.** Immediately thereafter, the Commission meeting reconvened.

**Consideration of Minutes**

*After review of the October 9, 2012 minutes, a motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Lee Brooks, to accept the minutes as written with a surname spelling correction.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**Old Business**

**Trail Maintenance Project Updates:** Concerns were raised about ATV's and hunters on trails that have been cleared enabling unauthorized access. Signs are posted at entrance to Luff-Tagupa property prohibiting motor vehicles. The owners of the easements are responsible for enforcing easement restrictions.

**Trail Use Communications: newsletter, brochure, web site:** Chris Ganotis reported that residents have requested information about trail locations. Lisa Wilson, Lee Brook, and Rick Stoklosa are working on finalizing the mapping project. An estimated 30 hours to full completion, but should be able post to the web site trails on land acquired through NHF funding before the entire project is completed. Anita Pounder offered to help photograph trails, Rick Stoklosa is verifying the location of trails via GPS with plans to overlay the coordinates onto the Conservation Land Map with the aid of trail maps prepared by Lee Brooks and other members of the Conservation Commission.

**New Business**

After Discussion, *A motion was made by Lisa Wilson and duly seconded by Lee Brooks to continue the North Hampton Conservation Commission's membership in the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions and to approve the expenditure of \$265 for the required annual dues.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

After discussion, ***A motion was made by Lee Brooks and duly seconded by Lisa Wilson to include a letter to commit \$10,000 of cash match from the Capital Reserve Fund , if necessary, in the DES Watershed application and to indicate that it is the Town's goal to continue its efforts to remove the impaired waterway designation from Little River.***

In discussion of the motion, it was pointed out that a commitment of cash funding up to \$10,000 may be needed for a cash match if the project didn't have enough in-kind matching funds. The Watershed Grant Assistance Proposal funds 60% of the project and requires that applicants fund the remaining 40% in cash or in-kind matching funds. With continued diligence, a goal of the Conservation Commission is to take the necessary steps to achieve a clean Little River once again. Following discussion, the DES proposal motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Commission discussed the good work completed by John Hubbard and North Hampton's Department of Public Works to help remove debris in and around waterways to improve the flow of Little River tributaries. Discussion followed whether removal of the dam on the former Dupont parcel would improve water flow, but approval from the DES Dam Bureau may be necessary before any action can be taken.

Discussion followed about receiving results for levels of bacteria from both humans and animal waste along waterways. This year the North Hampton State Beach was deemed clean enough to remain open throughout the summer due to water quality testing and subsequent remedies to help eliminate sources of pollution. The Commission discussed the action plan as outlined in the application prepared by F. B. Environmental to the DES.

### **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 Non-Public Session for discussion on the purchase of property for conservation pursuant to RSA 91A: 3 II (d).*** A unanimous Roll Call vote followed to convene a Non Public Session pursuant to RSA 91A: 3 II (d).

During the Non Public Session, updates of potential acquisitions were discussed to continue efforts on acquiring the parcels. The Non-Public Session was then adjourned by a unanimous roll call vote.

Following the discussion, ***a motion was made by Lee Brooks duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to seal the minutes of the Non-Public session.*** The motion was passed unanimously.

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 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Ganotis  
Chairman, North Hampton Conservation Commission