North Hampton Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes January 15, 2013 DRAFT

Administrative

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM. Present were Chris Ganotis (Chair), Lee Brooks (Vice Chair), Kathy Grant, Anita Pounder, Peter Robie, Rick Stoklosa, Philip Thayer and Lisa Wilson, Alternate.

Consideration of Minutes

After review of the December 11, 2012 minutes, *a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Peter Robie, to accept the minutes as written, with Philip Thayer abstaining.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Old Business

Trail Maintenance Project Updates: Chris Ganotis reported that Mike Hornsby is interested in assisting with clearing the Dustin, Corbett and Luff trails. A motion was made but tabled at this time to obtain a quote to do the work. A resident requested a map for the Luff trail to be able to follow it more easily. Chris will deliver a map to him.

Trail Use Communications: Newsletter, Brochure, Website: Lisa Wilson will have ready a draft of the brochure at the February 12th meeting. Rick Stoklosa passed out maps of trails he has designed for the brochure.

New Business

Update: Little River water quality testing & DES Proposal: Chris Ganotis reported results he received today showing that the Little River water quality has improved significantly. MST testing was completed by Dr. Steven Jones from UNH. A grant has been awarded by DES for the Little River Watershed for \$30,000 with a match from the Town of \$23,000. A kick-off meeting is being planned for January 22nd to discuss remediation projects with FB Environmental. The culvert by the railroad tracks near the outlet mall was discussed as a needed test location for water quality sampling. Chris will follow up with FB Environmental.

Little River Dam Removal Project:

Chris reported on the site walk with Frank Richardson, DES Wetlands Branch. The DES will require a wetlands permit. Mr. Richardson made several suggestions regarding completing the application for the demolition of the dam.

Conservation Easement, Gov. Dale Farm: A public hearing will be held on January 17, 2013 for consideration of partial funding for the Gov. Dale Conservation Easement of 50+/- acres, with funds in the Conservation Commission's Capital Reserve #8 account.

Other Correspondence and Other Administrative: Dredge & Fill Application submitted on December 31, 2012 by MSC was tabled until the next meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted, Beverly Moore Recording Secretary