

North Hampton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 6, 20123
As Approved

Administrative

Roll Call

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

Consideration of Minutes

After review of the February 13, 2013 minutes, *a motion was made by Peter Robie, duly seconded by Lee Brooks, to accept the minutes as written.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Old Business

Trail Maintenance Projects - Nothing to report at this time

Trail Use Communications – Nothing to report at this time

New Business

Update: Little River water quality testing and DES Grant proposal
Contract is ready to be signed, with an expected project start in fiscal year on July 1st.

Little River Dam Removal Project

The Chair was contacted regarding a mitigation issue with 3 Park Circle in which conservation projects might be suggested as mitigation projects. The dam removal was suggested as a possible project, as well as several others such as further MST testing and trail clearing. Eben Lewis from the DES is working on the mitigation issue.

Conservation Easement for Gov. Dale Farm

Lisa Wilson reported that a mailer went out yesterday and today (March 5 & 6) with the ballot wording for Article 7 and gave a brief summary of the flyer and its importance. On February 28th the State of NH certified the Gov. Dale Farm as a historic place.

The Chair was given an article published in 1955 in NH Profiles magazine where the Gov Dale farmhouse was featured as Home of the Month. A parcel directly across I-95 street from the farm is former farm land now owned by the Conservation Commission. If the Gov Dale parcel is placed as a conservation easement, much of the original farm will be preserved.

Public Outreach

Letters have been submitted by several North Hampton residents in favor of Article 7, Resolutions by the Heritage Commission and Agricultural Commission supporting Article 7 were also given to the Chairman.

Farm & Ranch Protection Program Grant

The FRPP grant application process will include audits and reviews of the easement prior to a final decision on whether to approve the grant funding. The decision is expected in next two months.

The Chair then read an editorial letter that was submitted on behalf of the Commission, to the Hampton Union. It urged voters to approve Article 7. The Chair also reported that the Robie easement access deed amendment was recorded with the County Registry of Deeds.

There being no further comments nor business to discuss, ***a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Anita Pounder, to adjourn the meeting.*** The motion passed with a unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:34PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore
Recording Secretary