

North Hampton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2013
As Approved

Administrative

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM. Present were Chris Ganotis (Chair), Lee Brooks (Vice Chair), Kathy Grant, Peter Robie, Rick Stoklosa, Philip Thayer, Lisa Wilson, Alternate and Phil Wilson, Select Board Representative, Members of the public included Alan Perkins, Atty. Bill Beckett, Ben Auger, Paul Connolly, Civil Engineer, Joanne Westbrook and Parker Westbrook.

Consideration of Minutes

After review of the March 6, 2013 meeting minutes, *a motion was made by Peter Robie, duly seconded by Lee Brooks, to accept the minutes as written.* The motion carried, with Kathy Grant and Philip Thayer abstaining. After review of the March 19, 2013 Special Meeting, *a motion was made by Rick Stoklosa, duly seconded by Peter Robie, to accept the minutes as written.* The motion carried, with Lee Brooks and Philip Thayer abstaining.

New Business

Runnymede Farm Conservation Easement Proposal

Alan Perkins, Owner, gave an overview of proposed changes to the front grazing pasture to allow for a training area for horses at the farm. It was his intent to inform the Commission and the public of his plans to change the grass surface for a training area for horses. Atty. Bill Beckett and Civil Engineer Paul Connolly assisted him with his presentation. Ben Auger reported that change would take 1 to 1 ½ weeks to complete.

After some discussion, *a motion was made by Philip Thayer, duly seconded by Rick Stoklosa, that the Commission, in its authority as the monitoring agent for the easement in the Runnymede Farm, finds that the proposed area for training Friesian horses is consistent with the provisions of the easement.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Old Business

1. Trail Maintenance Projects

Lee Brooks and Philip Thayer will remove brush that has fallen down on Luff and Corbett trails. Kathy Grant offered to have her son, Greg Harned, to remove fallen brush on Dustin Trail.

2. Trail Use Communications: Newsletter, Brochure, Web Site

Lisa Wilson reported that 4 pages of maps for 17 parcels have been completed to go on web site.

3. Updates: Little River Water Quality Testing & DES Grant Proposal

Water quality testing has been approved to monitor selective testing in the headwaters of Little River and sniffing dogs will be used this summer for septic locations.

The DES grant has been approved by Select Board and will be followed up by additional documents to be signed by the Tow. A request for proposal/qualifications will be issued with a competitive bid with a due date of May 100 and a project start date of July 1st for the two-year program.

4. Little River Dam Removal Project

Six copies of the wetlands permit application are ready to be submitted to the DES. The Wetlands Permit Application was reviewed. John Hubbard has agreed to provide Public Works department support for the dam removal and the off site location for the rubble. The Chair will send letters to abutters, as required for the permit application.

After some discussion, *a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to expend \$200 from the budget for the application fee for submittal of permit.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

5. Conservation Easement: Gov. Dale Farm

Owner Joseph Falzone has received an offer of \$25,000 from a contributor, subject to a match of \$25,000 by private donations to the Southeast Land Trust. The Chair is arranging for Mr. Falzone to meet Kendall Chevalier, who worked for the Governor on the farm for many years. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss historical events at the farm. An Open House for town residents is being planned to allow residents on the property to see the farm that was subject to Article 7 on the March Town Warrant. There is no new information at this time regarding the Farm & Ranch Protection Grant status.

6. Conservation Parcels Monitoring at Luff/Tagupa & 57 Woodland Rd. The Chair will be meeting with Debra Gourd of the Southeast Land Trust at 9:00AM on April 11th for site walks for monitoring and confirming property boundary markers. The Trust is the steward of these parcels.

Administrative

Election of Officers

After some discussion, *a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Peter Robie, to nominate Chris Ganotis as Chair.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote. *A motion was made by Peter Robie, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to nominate Lee Brooks as Vice Chair.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote. There were no nominees for Treasurer.

Eagle Project

Philip Thayer introduced Parker Westbrook, from Troop 176 in Hampton, who is interested in doing a project on the bike trail behind Gus' Bike Shop. Parker plans to remove trees that have fallen down, map trails and rebuild a bridge that needs to be replaced. Lee Brooks will walk the trail with Parker assist him with guideline suggestions. Parker showed the Commission before and after photos he took on April 7th.

Non-Public Session

Pursuant to RSA 91A:3 II (d)

A motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Philip Thayer, for consideration of acquisition of conservation land, 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, revisions on a P& S Agreement were discussed.

Following the discussion, *a motion was made by Philip Thayer, duly seconded by Peter Robie, to adjourn the Non-Public Session.* The motion by Roll Call vote was passed unanimously, with minor changes made to the agreement.

Following this adjournment, *a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Philip Thayer, to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session, pursuant to RSA 91A 3 II(d).* The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, *a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Philip Thayer, to adjourn the meeting.* The meeting adjourned at 8:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore
Recording Secretary