

North Hampton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2013

Administrative

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:03PM. Present were Chris Ganotis (Chair), Lee Brooks (Vice Chair), Kathy Grant, Anita Pounder, Peter Robie, Rick Stoklosa, Lisa Wilson, Alternate and Phil Wilson, Select Board Representative. Members of the public included Sherri Thayer, Joanne Westbrook, Parker Westbrook and Pete White, Eagle Advisor.

Consideration of Minutes

After review of the May 14, 2013 minutes, *a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Anita Pounder, to accept the minutes as written.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote with Rick Stoklosa, Peter Robie and Lisa Wilson abstaining.

Old Business

Trail Maintenance Projects

Chris Latimer had a work day on June 8th. Lee Brooks took blue markers down so trails could be re-routed. A fundraiser (“Burger Burn”) will be held on June 15th to work on trails and clean up brush.

Trail Use Communications: Newsletter, Brochure, Website

Lisa Wilson reported that there has not been much progress at this time regarding the brochure.

Brush Clearing – 57 Woodland Road

The Chair contacted Apple Blossom, however he has not heard back from them yet.

New Business

Boy Scout Eagle Proposals

Parker Westbrook gave an update on his Eagle project and passed out a proposal to each member to view. He requested an approval and signature to continue with his project. *A motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Peter Robie for approval of Chris Ganotis to sign document authorizing his project.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Ben Thayer also gave an update on his Eagle project to clean up three areas and build three bridges and passed out his proposal to Commission members.

Little River Quality Testing & DES Grant Proposal

Paperwork has been completed. Sign off on grant is still pending.

Little River Dam Removal Project: Wetlands Permit

Permit was filed in early May. Correspondence has been received from DES. This is still being reviewed. A decision still needs to be made as to where the dam will be accessed from – possibly from the Acura parking lot.

Conservation Easement – Gov. Dale Farm

The Southeast Land Trust has reviewed documentation for approval sent to them by Farm & Ranch Protection Program (FRPP). The final Cooperative Agreement is pending with the FRPP. It needs to be approved in the next two weeks.

School Greenhouse Update & Legal Opinions

The Commission has declined giving a contribution supporting the purchase of the proposed greenhouse at the school because State law forbids budgetary funding from town boards, including conservation commissions to be used for school purposes, since the school is an independent legal entity.

Rail Trail Meeting

A meeting will be held on June 18th in Portsmouth. The Chair plans to attend to support and address the rail bed for a recreational, not motorized trail, with railroad ties not to be dumped on abutting property or thrown over banking. Ties could be used as curbing along the trails.

Boy Scout Eagle Update

Chris Latimer gave an update on his project. He has had two trail cleaning days including raking and he received a quote from Middleton Lumber today for pressure treated lumber materials.

There being no further business to discuss, *a motion was made by Peter Robie, duly seconded by Anita Pounder, to adjourn the meeting.* The meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore
Recording Secretary