

North Hampton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2013
As approved
Subject to Revision & Approval by the Conservation Commission

Administrative

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:03PM. Present were Chris Ganotis (Chair), Kathy Grant, Anita Pounder, Rick Stoklosa, Peter Robie, Philip Thayer, Lisa Wilson, Alternate and Phil Wilson, Select Board Representative.

Conservation Easement – Gov. Dale Farm

The Chair announced that he received word today from Brian Hart, the Executive Director of the Southeast Land Trust that funds have been committed for the Gov. Dale Farm from the FRPP grant.

Consideration of Minutes

After review of the June 11, 2013 minutes, *a motion was made by Peter Robie, duly seconded by Rick Stoklosa, to accept the minutes as written.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote with Philip Thayer abstaining.

Budget Update

There were funds remaining in the budget that were not spent last fiscal year. Funds from FY 2014 will be used on future trail projects.

Old Business

Trail Maintenance Projects

Philip Thayer reported that Parker Westbrook had a successful fundraiser last weekend to raise money for the trail and bridge he plans to build.

Trail Use Communications, Newsletter, Brochure, Website

Lisa Wilson presented a draft for the trail brochure for the town website. The brochure is designed to be a work in progress that can be easily updated as needed. She also presented a summary of most of the conservation parcels in town. She will complete that list to suggest monitoring recommendations.

New Business

Boy Scout Eagle Proposals

Philip Thayer reported that all 3 Eagle scouts are working on their projects, including fund raising and 2 others are interested in working on future trail projects.

Little River Quality Testing and DES Grant Proposal

Water quality testing has been started and sniffing dogs will assist on July 26 to identify septic failures. The DES grant has been signed off.

There was some discussion regarding contributing funds for water quality testing on the Winnicut River. *A motion was made by Anita Pounder, duly seconded by Peter Robie, to not expend any funds for this project and explore other options.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Little River Dam Removal Project: Wetlands Permit

The Town has a right of way on the railroad bed according to a deed for a nearby conservation parcel. The dam will be taken down when the DES gives approval and there is a low flow of water.

Rail Trail Update

The Chair recently attended a meeting regarding the Rail Trail, addressing the rail bed for recreational, non-motorized wheeled vehicular use. The state will remove the railroad ties.

There being no further business to discuss, *a motion was made by Philip Thayer, duly seconded by Peter Robie, to adjourn the meeting.* The meeting adjourned at 8:37PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore
Recording Secretary

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