

North Hampton Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
August 13, 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), Lee Brooks (Vice Chair), Kathy Grant, Philip Thayer, Lisa Wilson, Alternate and Phil Wilson, Select Board Representative.

**Consideration of Minutes**

After review of the July 9, 2013 minutes, *a motion was made by Philip Thayer, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to accept the minutes as written.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote, with Lee Brooks abstaining.

Old Business

**Trail Maintenance Projects**

Philip Thayer reported three Eagle Scout projects are being worked on by Chris Latimer, Parker Westbrook and Ben Thayer, with interest on another one to be done by another scout. Philip Thayer reported an incident that took place two weeks ago on conservation land involving fireworks, firearms and a campfire set-up. Chief Page was made aware of this and will monitor the area.

**Trail Use Communications: Newsletter, Brochure, Web site**

Lisa Wilson reported that she and Rick Stoklosa continue to work on the trail brochure for the town web site. Comments can be sent to her for any changes to be made.

**New Business**

**Conservation Trails**

The Chair exchanged e-mails with Mr. Seth Hickey regarding potential trails at a parcel owned by him. Public access needs to be clarified. More discussion will follow at next month's meeting if the owner wishes to pursue this proposal.

**Updates**

**Boy Scout Eagle Proposals**

Ben Thayer gave an update and distributed his Eagle Scout project proposal, including information he received from Unitil building bridges and docks

around water being acceptable with pressure treated wood. After his presentation and review of the proposal, ***a motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Lee Brooks, to approve Ben Thayer's Eagle Scout project as described in his proposal.*** The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Kathy Grant mentioned her concern regarding poison ivy on the trails. The Chair will contact Debra Gourd at SE Land Trust for her opinion on this subject for a possible solution.

#### **Little River Quality Testing & DES Grant Proposal**

Sniffing dogs were used on July 26 to detect odors from possible septic failures. The DES Grant will be used to locate and site projects for potential rain gardens, rain barrels and surface water run off locations. Chief Cote and John Hubbard are assisting with this.

#### **Little River Dam Removal Project: Wetlands Permit**

A permit has been approved for demolishing the dam. It must be taken down during low flow conditions, particularly in August. The permit expires August 13, 2018.

#### **Conservation Easement – Gov. Dale Farm**

The easement agreement is completed for review by the Farm & Ranchland Protection Program staff. Other paperwork has been signed. The closing is planned for mid-to-late fall.

#### **Approvals for Jeppesen Parcel**

The Select Board met on July 29 and approved the acquisition and other project conditions unanimously. A closing is being planned for September.

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 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beverly Moore  
Recording Secretary

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