North Hampton Conservation Commission Approved Meeting Minutes December 10, 2013

Administrative Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:03PM. Present were Chris Ganotis (Chair), Kathy Grant, Peter Robie, Rick Stoklosa, Philip Thayer and Lisa Wilson, Alternate. Members of the public included Paul Connelly, Tim Corwin and Joe Maynard, Mr Dufour, Leigh-Anne Dufour and Matt Dufour, and Phil Wilson as Select Board Representative.

Consideration of Minutes

After review of the November 12, 2013 minutes, *a motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Rick Stoklosa, to approve the minutes as written*. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Old Business

Matt Dufour, who is working on his Eagle Scout project, reviewed his proposal plans to clear and mark new trails on both sides of Old Farm Road. After discussing his proposal, *a motion was made by Rick Stoklosa, duly seconded by Lisa Wilson, to authorize the Chair to sign off on Matt's proposal before Matt's Council Eagle Review Committee meeting next week for its approval.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Runnymede Farm Application

Paul Connolly requested the Commission's approval to complete a Tidal Buffer Zone Minimum Impact Expedited Application for a wetlands permit required by DES at the Runnymede Farm for the proposed septic system plan, previously approved by the Commission and ZBA. After some discussion, *a motion was made by Peter Robie, duly seconded by Lisa Wilson, to authorize the Chair to sign the application*. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

New Business and Updates

Subdivision Plan Review: 14 Maple Road

Joe Maynard presented information regarding the subdivision on 14 Maple Road of 10 acres into two 5-acre lots. After some discussion, *a motion* was made by Peter Robie, *duly seconded by Philip Thayer, to make no additional recommendations to the Planning Board for the subdivision.* The motion carried.

Governor Dale Farm Grant Status

The goal is to close by December 27, 2013. The US Farm and Ranchland Protection Program staff is making final reviews for the easement agreement and appraisal.

Invoices payments

The Commission approved the following payments:

a) NH Association of Conservation Commission Dues Payment

The Chair reported that the annual dues of \$275 were paid.

b) Signs Payment to Prison Industries

An invoice for \$177.55 due for Conservation parcels trail signs were paid to the NH Dept of Corrections.

c) Supplies/Expenses

An invoice for \$126.86 for office supplies and postage stamps was paid.

Donation of Land to Town for Conservation

Mr. Roger Hammond donated seven land parcels totaling 16.75 acres to the Town for Conservation. The Chair acknowledged his gracious donation.

Return of Letter regarding Marston/Moulton Cemetery

A letter to the land owner, whose land abuts the Old Farm conservation parcel, was sent to request permission to access the Marston-Moulton cemetery for maintenance. The letter was returned undeliverable by the USPS. The Chair will seek a confirmed address for re-sending the letter to the owner.

Updates

Trail Maintenance Projects: Signs, Postings, and Maintenance

Philip Thayer gave updates on Parker Westbrook's and Ben Thayer's Eagle Scout conservation trails projects.

Trail Use Communications: Newsletter, Brochure, Web site

Rick Stoklosa and Lisa Wilson reviewed several direction maps for conservation parcels. After final editing, these will be posted in the Town web site.

Little River Water Quality Testing and DES Grant

Several Best Management Practices sites have been selected for the project and will begin in the spring.

Other Correspondence and Other Administrative

NH Association of Natural Resources Scientists

The Chair offered membership opportunities to Commission members for this organization. He added that most of the meetings are held in the Concord area.

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 was adjourned at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted, Beverly Moore **Recording Secretary**

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