

North Hampton Conservation Commission
Approved Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2014

Administrative

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM. Present were Lee Brooks (Vice Chair), Kathy Grant, Russell Jeppesen, and Lisa Wilson, Alternate and Phil Wilson, Select Board Representative.

Members of the public included Joe Coronati (Jones & Beach) and Carl McMorran (Aquarion Water).

Consideration of Minutes

The December 10, 2013 minutes were tabled until February's meeting.

Old Business

The Vice Chair acknowledged the passing of one of the former Conservation Commission's members, Stanley Knowles, who was a dedicated resident of North Hampton and served in many capacities to the town for many years. Lee then read a letter written by Rev. Michele Allen from The United Church of Christ in N. Hampton. Stan will be sorely missed.

Boy Scout Eagle Project Update

Lee Brooks gave an update on Parker Westbrook's Eagle Scout conservation trails project.

Trail Use Communications

Lisa Wilson reported progress on signage for The Old Farm. She will email final revisions to Conservation members to review to post on web site soon.

New Business

Subdivision review for 167 Atlantic Ave.

Joe Coronati from Jones & Beach presented the recent approval for a 3 lot sub-division of 11.7 acres with a common driveway at 167 Atlantic Ave. He submitted septic designs to the state and Rockingham County which have been approved. After some discussion, *a motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to recommend the approval of this sub-*

division and the plans presented to the Conservation Commission. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Aquarion Advisory Council Request

Carl McMorran, Operations Manager for Aquarion Water Co. of NH is seeking a representative from the Conservation Commission to expand their community participation for their Customer Advisory Council. He gave his contact information for anyone interested in this request.

Other Correspondence and Other Administrative

The Chair received a call from a resident reporting a 4 wheeler driven on the Little River Salt Marsh recently, however he was not clear if it was on private property or the land in stewardship by NH Audubon. Police have been notified and Building Inspector Kevin Kelley is checking with DES on this matter.

Lee Brooks reported that the Chair, Chris Ganotis, received a letter from the Society for the Protection of NH Forests regarding the Boies easement off Woodland Road, indicating that the easement allows public access to the land. It is open to the public, but because of its rough terrain, it would be a difficult place to put in a trail.

Governor Dale Farm Grant Status

Phil Wilson, Select Board Representative, gave an update on the Gov. Dale Farm Grant status. The appraisal was rejected for the second time. The process is slow, however Mr. Falzone is working with Brian Hart and is confident that the grant will go through in a matter of time.

Donation of Land to Town for Conservation

Seven land parcels donated by Mr. Roger Hammond totaling 16.75 acres to the Town for Conservation were recently recorded. On behalf of the Conservation Commission, the Chair called Mr. Hammond to thank him for his gracious donation.

Quarterly Newsletter

Chris Ganotis has been working on the quarterly newsletter, highlighting acquired Conservation property and easements, which will be in the Town Report.

Lafayette Crossing and Luff Property

Lee Brooks mentioned that he has seen activity such as cross country skiing, hiking and snow shoeing at Lafayette Crossing Conservation land and on the Luff Property this winter.

There being no further business to discuss, *a motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Russell Jeppesen, to adjourn the meeting.* The meeting adjourned at 7:37PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore
Recording Secretary

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