

North Hampton Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2014

Administrative

**Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. Present were Chris Ganotis (Chair), Lee Brooks (Vice-Chair), Kathy Grant, Lisa Wilson, and Philip Thayer.

**Consideration of Minutes**

Because there were not enough members present from the August meeting to vote on the minutes, the August minutes were tabled to the October 14 meeting.

**Water Quality Testing: Winnicut River Update and Payment**

The Chair received an update of Winnicut River water quality tests from FB Environmental. The tests showed poor dissolved oxygen levels and continuing contamination levels. The invoice for the most recent sampling and testing was for \$1,495.80 and was paid for by a combination of the Aquarion award funds of \$1,000 and a withdrawal from the budget for the balance.

**Mowing of Fiels Grass at Community Garden**

Payment was made to Walter Nordstrom for \$304 for annual brush hogging of the lower field of the Marston Farm conservation land.

**Old Business**

Boy Scout Project Update – Matt Dufour completed his Eagle Project and the granite bench was installed on the Old Farm conservation land.

Eagle Scout candidate Ben Thayer gave an update of his project at the Corbett conservation parcel. He is completing two bridges and is re-routing part of the trail around an area where flooding is taking place from beaver dams on the stream. The entire trail will be laid out with yellow markers.

Philip Thayer mentioned that there is another scout who is interested in doing an Eagle project, which would be a row of trees along the west border of the Marston Farm parcel. There was further discussion about a possible Eagle project to add a large spur trail on the Corbett parcel.

**Trail Use Communications – Maps on Web site**

Maps are now on web site and mentioned in the Fall Town Newsletter. Additional maps will be included as new trail projects are completed.

**Signs for Conservation Parcels – Old Road Farm Status**

Lisa Wilson has confirmed prices for the Old Road Farm sign and will order one.

### **Water Quality Sampling and Testing of the Little River**

Several beach advisories occurred in the summer. The contributing factor to beach contamination was surface water runoff into the Little River after heavy rainfalls, which empties into the beach area.

### **Other Correspondence**

The Zoning Board is meeting on September 11 to continue to consider wetland setback variances for the application for land on 3 Park Circle. The Rockingham County Conservation District has given recommendations relating to this application review.

There being no further business to discuss, *a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to adjourn the meeting.* The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Ganotis  
Recording Secretary

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