

North Hampton Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2014

**As Approved**

Subject to Revision & Approval by the Conservation Commission

Administrative

**Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. Present were Chris Ganotis (Chair), Kathy Grant, Russell Jeppesen, Peter Robie and Phil Thayer. Members of the public included Corey Coldwell, MSC Civil Engineers, Mark Jacobs, Soil Scientist and Gillian Riddell.

**Consideration of Minutes**

After review of the May 13, 2014 minutes, *a motion was made by Peter Robie, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to approve the minutes as written.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote, with Phil Thayer abstaining.

**Appointments and Reappointments Recommendations**

The Chair thanked Anita Pounder and Rick Stoklosa for their service to the Commission as voting members. After some discussion, *a motion was made by Phil Thayer, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, nominating Russell Jeppesen and Lisa Wilson as full voting members. A motion was then made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Peter Robie, to recommend as Alternates, Anita Pounder and Sally Bruce-Stoklosa.* Both motions carried with a unanimous vote. The Chair will make these recommendations to the Select Board.

**New Business**

Map 17/107-10, Applicant Seeks a Variance at 3 Park Circle

Corey Coldwell, MSC Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors, spoke on behalf of Gregory Raiff of 3 Park Circle who is seeking a variance to allow the structure of a barn and other impermeable surfaces within the 100 foot wetlands buffer. He reported that the new construction would have minimal impact to the wetlands. Mark Jacobs, Certified Wetland & Soil Scientist & Erosion Control Specialist also made a presentation to indicate that the proposed construction will have a minimal effect on the environment and protect the wildlife habitat functions. Following discussion, there was general agreement by the Commission that the proposal was very complex and would need expert review. *A motion was made by Peter Robie, duly*

*seconded by Phil Thayer, to contact Dr. Len Lord of Rockingham County Conservation District to review the proposed plan and provide a memorandum of his expert opinion of the potential impact of the proposed project.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **Water Quality Testing: Winnicut River Phase 1**

Kathy Grant gave an overview on the first series of tests for the Winnicut River at the four locations designated for sampling. During discussion, there were concerns raised about the low dissolved oxygen test results, low flow and algae formation in the river. There was also a relatively high e-coli result at the Lovering Road sampling location. After discussion, *a motion was made by Phil Thayer, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to approve the FB Environmental invoice for \$586.75 for the first series of tests.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### **Donation to Southeast Land Trust**

The Chair announced a donation of 100 acres of land off of both North and South Roads for conservation, to the Southeast Land Trust by the Rand family. It is named the Charles E. Rand Memorial Forest. Seventy acres of the parcel are in North Hampton.

### **Governor Dale Farm**

The Chair announced the completion of the Gov. Dale project and thanked all who contributed to the success of the project, which closed on May 8<sup>th</sup>. He read a letter from the Southeast Land Trust in appreciation for the Conservation's partnership to conserve the Gov. Dale Farm.

### **Boy Scout Eagle Project Updates**

Phil Thayer reported the Eagle Scout project behind the Lafayette Crossing shopping center has been completed by Parker Westbrook. Two other Eagle Scout projects are pending.

### **Trail Use Communications: Maps Status**

The Chair acknowledged the great job by Lisa Wilson and Rick Stoklosa in completing the digital recreational trail maps for several conservation parcels. The files were sent to the Town to place on the web site.

### **Signs for Conservation Parcels: Old Farm Sign Status**

Lisa Wilson is continuing to work on signage for the Mill Road entrance to the Old Farm conservation parcel.

### **Aquarion Environmental Champions Award**

The Conservation Commission and its North Hampton Forever subcommittee received the 2014 Environmental Champions Award for the non-profit category, which included \$1,000, which can be used to continue water quality sampling, testing and monitoring of the Winnicut River, after approval by the Select Board to accept the award.

### **Ramp at Mill Road Entrance to Old Farm**

Gravel will be placed at the entrance by the Public Works crew for safety reasons.

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

Sampling and testing are pending, but will begin this summer.

### **DES Grant for Little River Water Shed**

This ongoing grant for two projects, including a potential rain garden and another surface water run-off mitigation project will be done this year.

### **Refurbished Sign at Fogg Easement Entrance**

This sign has been refurbished and is attractive again.

### **Purchase of Updated Conservation Parcels Map from RPC**

The Chair reported a price totaling about \$235 for Town Conservation parcels maps and will order 7 large maps and 4 small 11x17 sized maps for the Conservation Commission and Town use.

*A motion was made by Philip Thayer and seconded by Peter Robie to make the purchase from the Rockingham Planning Commission. The motion was passed unanimously.*

### **Other Correspondence**

#### **Rockingham Planning Commission**

The Rockingham Planning Commission is having its annual meeting on Thursday, June 11, 2014 at the Hampton Beach Pavilion.

### **Hampton Rod & Gun Club DES Testing**

The Commission was notified by several citizens of concerns regarding the environmental impact of lead at the gun club range. Further discussion will be made in the July meeting.

**NH Coastal Workgroup**

A workshop will be held on June 12, 2014 from 5:00-8:30pm at the Hugh Gregg Center at 89 Depot Road in Greenland, NH. The topic will be Increasing Flood Resilience.

There being no further business to discuss, *a motion was made by Phil Thayer, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to adjourn the meeting.* The meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beverly Moore, Recording Secretary

*“These minutes are prepared by the Recording Secretary within five (5) business days as required by NH RSA 91A:2,11. They will not be finalized until approved by majority vote by the Conservation Commission.”*