

North Hampton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2014
As Approved

Subject to Revision & Approval by the Conservation Commission

Administrative

Roll Call

The Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm. Present were Chris Ganotis (Chair), Kathy Grant, Peter Robie, Phil Thayer, Lisa Wilson, Russell Jeppesen and Sally Bruce-Stoklosa, Alternate. Members of the public included Dean Adams, James Clemence and Jim Tipton, members of the Hampton Road & Gun Club and Tim Harned.

Consideration of Minutes

After review of the June 10, 2014 minutes, *a motion was made by Peter Robie, duly seconded by Phil Thayer, to approve the minutes as written.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote, with Sally Bruce-Stoklosa and Lisa Wilson abstaining.

The Chair welcomed new alternate member Sally Bruce-Stoklosa and new voting members Russell Jeppesen and Lisa Wilson.

New Business

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

Gregory Raiff of 3 Park Circle is seeking a variance to allow the structure of a barn and other impermeable surfaces within the 100 foot wetlands buffer. Michael Cuomo, NH Certified Soil & Wetland Scientist stated in a letter sent to the commission: "The RCCD believes that the proposed additional impacts to the wetland buffer are not justified if they are not essential to the use of the property, which appears to be the case." The Zoning Board has requested to table action on this and has postponed action on the project until its August meeting.

Water Quality Testing: Winnicut River Update and Payment

Two wet-day measurements have been done and one dry measurement on June 27th. Kathy Grant reported that some rather high e-coli was found at the South Road sampling point. After some discussion, *a motion was made*

by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Peter Robie, to approve the FB Environmental invoice for \$660.00 for tests done on June 27th. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

FB Environmental Winnicut River Testing Invoice Approval

The Chair presented an invoice from FB Environmental for further water quality sampling and testing done on 6/30/14 at the Winnicut River for \$930.30. *A motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to pay the invoice.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Aquarion Environmental Champions Award

The Chair reported that the Commission is awaiting the receipt of the \$1,000 for the Aquarion Environmental Champions Award announced last month, following Select Board's approval to accept the award. The W9 Taxpayer ID # for the town has been submitted.

Old Business

Hampton Rod & Gun Club DES Testing

A motion was made by Peter Robie, duly seconded by Phil Thayer, for a member of the Hampton Road & Gun Club to speak on the results of DES testing done. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. Dean Adams reported initial groundwater tests by the DES for the pistol range showed no measurable lead levels that could threaten the surrounding environment. More testing will be done later this month on surface and subsurface water near the skeet shooting range, as described in a letter from Exeter Environmental to the DES of June 18. Commission members plan a site walk and may ask Dr. Len Lord, at Rockingham County Conservation District, to accompany them.

Boy Scout Eagle Project Updates

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

Trail Use Communications : Map status

Lisa Wilson will send the files to the Town to place on the web site.

Signs for Conservation Parcels: Old Farm sign status

Lisa Wilson has done research with five sign companies and will send the Commission the options available.

Water Quality Sampling and Testing of the Little River

Current Little River sampling and testing results for this year are still pending.

DES Grant for Little River Watershed

This ongoing grant for two Best Management Practices projects, including a potential rain garden and another surface water run-off mitigation project are planned for this year.

Purchase of Updated Conservation Parcels Maps from RPC & Payment Approval

The Chair requested updated conservation parcels maps from Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) for the total cost of \$111.75. *A motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Phil Thayer, to pay the invoice of \$111.75 to RPC for the parcel maps.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote. Copies of the revised maps were distributed to Commission members and the Chair acknowledged the excellent work by RPC and staff member Rob Pruyne for this project.

Letter from Resident regarding PH Sampling

The Chair received a letter he read from Dick Wolmar to James Clemence in support of the Hampton Rod & Gun Club's efforts and for PH sampling and continued testing for lead in surface and subsurface water.

Invoice Approval for Site walk

The Chair presented an invoice for \$555.75 from Dr. Len Lord of RCCD, for the June 19 wetlands site review by Wetlands and soils scientist Mike Cuomo and the RCCD report regarding the 3 Park Circle application to the Zoning Board *A motion was made by Phil Thayer, duly seconded by Peter Robie, to pay the invoice.* The motion carried. Lisa Wilson recused herself from the vote.

There being no further business to discuss, *a motion was made by Peter Robie, duly seconded by Phil Thayer, to adjourn the meeting.* The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore
Recording Secretary

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