North Hampton Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes April 8, 2014 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), Lee Brooks (Vice Chair), Kathy Grant, Russell Jeppesen and Rick Stoklosa.

Consideration of Minutes

A motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to table the minutes of the March 11, 2014 meeting until a quorum of members who attended the March meeting is present. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Code of Ethics Preamble

The Chair read Article II Preamble from the North Hampton Code of Ethics.

Election of Officers

A motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to nominate Chris Ganotis as Chairman of the Commission. A motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Rick Stoklosa, nominating Lee Brooks as Vice Chair. Both motions carried with a unanimous vote.

Old Business

Governor Dale Farm A reviewer has been hired to review the appraisal. The current goal for the closing is early May.

Boy Scout Eagle Project Updates – No update to report at this time

Trail Use Communications – No update to report at this time

Signs for Conservation Parcels

The renovated signs has been posted on the Fogg property. A motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to pay the \$350

invoice for refurbishing the Fogg sign. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

New Business

Water Quality Sampling & Testing of the Little River

Sampling and water quality testing will begin soon, with a focus on areas that indicated highest levels of contamination. The DES Watershed Best Management Practices (BMP) Grant received for the watershed project will include work from the DPW. John Hubbard has recommended several BMP projects. These include projects for mitigating surface water runoff in the watershed.

Proposal for Water Quality Sampling & Testing of the Winnicut River

The contract to conduct the sampling and testing at selected benchmark locations was signed. A site walk of the proposed sites is scheduled with FB Environmental for April 6, with sampling and testing work planned to start in May.

Correspondence

Saving Special Places Conference took place on April 5th with Commission representation.

A Program by DES for NH Wetlands Resources Listening Sessions will be held at the Portsmouth Public Library on April 29th from 4-6PM.

The Chair received a letter from Aquarion Water Company. They are launching an Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards Program for recognition for volunteer efforts to restore NH's natural resources. Two \$1,000 grants will be given to an adult and business category. The Chair will contact them to see if the Conservation Commission would qualify.

There being no further business to discuss, *a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Russell Jeppesen,* to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM.

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 of the Conservation Commission".