

North Hampton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2015
As approved

Administrative

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm. Present were Chris Ganotis (Chair), Lee Brooks (Vice Chair), Kathy Grant, Peter Robie and Lisa Wilson. Members of the public included Sarah Benoit, Wally & Kathleen Kilgore, Roy Mattucci, Casey O’Kane and Andrew Vorkink.

Consideration of Minutes

After review of the January 13, 2015 minutes, *a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Lisa Wilson, to accept the minutes as written.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

New Business

Planning Board Application, Map 6, Lot 36 by Mr. Roy Mattucci

Mr. Roy Mattucci presented a request for a conditional use permit for an addition within the 100 feet wetland buffer for Map 6, Lot 36 that he will request to the Planning Board. After some discussion, *a motion was made by Peter Robie, duly seconded by Lee Brooks, to recommend a permit with no concerns with respect to the wetland buffer for Mr. Mattucci.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Minimum Impact Expedited Permit for Unutil by Sarah Benoit

Sarah Benoit, an Environmental Consultant from Amec Foster Wheeler, Environmental Consulting, is requesting a minimum impact expedited permit for an underground extension of gas pipeline, 2,600 feet in length, from Appledore Ave. to Sea Rd. on Rte. 1A. After some discussion, *a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Peter Robie, to recommend the Chair sign off on this expedited permit for the underground gas pipeline extension.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Reimbursement for Supplies

The Chair requested a sum of \$150.00 for folders, paper, ink, mailings, etc. which is typically spent annually for Conservation Commission business,

documentation/records and file storage. After some discussion, *a motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Lee Brooks, to expend \$150.00 from the operating budget to purchase these supplies.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Request for Alternate Position on Conservation Commission by Mr. Andrew Vorkink

Mr. Andrew Vorkink gave a presentation to describe his background and interest in Conservation with a request to become a member of the Conservation Commission. After some discussion, *a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Peter Robie, to recommend Andrew Vorkink to the Select Board for appointment as an Alternate on the Conservation Commission.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Lamprey Homestead Easement – Site Walk Update

The owner has not been available to schedule a date and the heavy snowfall is hindering the scheduling of a site walk. Requirements on posting a public meeting for a site walk and monitoring are being reviewed by the Town's Attorney. There are delays in scheduling the site walk until after the snow conditions improve.

Handbook for NH Municipal Conservation Commissions

After some discussion that some Commission members do not have a *Handbook for Municipal Conservation Commissions* with Conservation Commission procedures, *a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Peter Robie, for the Chair to order five copies.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Old Business

Boy Scout Eagle Project Updates

Nothing to report at this time.

Winnicut River Watershed Initiative for Watershed Plan

The Chair and Kathy Grant attended a Winnicut River Watershed Coalition meeting on February 5 to discuss a multi-town plan for developing a Winnicut River Watershed Plan for making improvements to current conditions, since the river is designated as an Impaired Waterway by DES. Sally Soule with the DES shared the nine steps, a-i, required for a watershed management plan. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for mid April.

Amendments to Deed Restrictions on Conservation Parcels

The Chair will contact Atty. Michelle Peckham to obtain standard legal documentation from previous Conservation easements and deeds for updating deed restrictions for conservation parcels, which currently have few or no recorded restrictions in their deeds.

Meeting with FB Environmental on 319 Grant Projects

The DES 319 Grant for the Little River Watershed is to mitigate surface water run off. John Hubbard has nominated several projects for this project such as culverts, rain gardens, riprap, vegetative cover, berms and drainage swales which are eligible for the 319 Grant projects. A meeting date with FB Environmental is pending.

Other Correspondence

NH Association of Conservation Commission – Legislative Bills SB 83 & SB 146

Lisa Wilson read a draft letter which she prepared for sending to several newspaper letters to the Editor, to express concerns in voting for the SB 146 Bill, which makes statewide zoning changes for allowing multiple dwellings on house lots throughout the state, contrary to many Town zoning ordinances. It will permit and enable the building of sizeable detached structures on any lot with large single-family homes.

After some discussion, *a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to permit Lisa Wilson's letter to the Editor to be sent to several newspapers on behalf of the Conservation Commission, after Lisa makes final edits to the letter..* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Chair reported the SB 83 Bill attempts to restrict members of conservation commissions on public land. This Bill appears to have been written as a result of a dispute in one small town concerning protection of wetlands.

Rod & Gun Club

The Chair attended a walk with the Select Board and a few others, which is still being worked on by the DES with continued testing.

There being no further business to discuss, *a motion was made by Lee Brooks, duly seconded by Peter Robie, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore
Recording Secretary

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