

North Hampton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2015
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Administrative

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. Present were Chris Ganotis (Chair), Kathy Grant, Peter Robie, Philip Thayer, Andrew Vorkink and Lisa Wilson. Members of the public included Colin Dinsmore and Steve Riloer, LLC Engineers from Ambit Engineering and Greg Bauer, Applicant, on behalf of Millie Bauer.

Preamble to Code of Ethics

The Chair then read the Preamble to the Code of Ethics for the Commission.

Election of Officers

Chris Ganotis announced that he has been re-appointed as Chair of the Conservation Commission by the Select Board for another 3 year term. After some discussion, *a motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Philip Thayer, to re-elect Chris Ganotis as Chairman of the Conservation Commission.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote. The Chair then reported that the position of Vice Chair needed to be filled since Lee Brooks' resignation last month. After some discussion, *a motion was made by Peter Robie, duly seconded by Andrew Vorkink, to nominate Lisa Wilson as Vice Chair.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote. Lisa accepted the Vice Chair position.

Consideration of Minutes of March 10, 2015 Meeting

After review of the March 10, 2015 minutes, *a motion was made by Philip Thayer, duly seconded by Andrew Vorkink, to accept the minutes as written.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote. A copy will be sent to the Attorney General's office on the outcome of the Lamprey Easement Decision.

New Minutes Policy

The Chair then reported an email he received from Paul Apple regarding a change to the Town's policy on March 23, 2015 on posting notices of meetings and draft minutes.

New Business

Review of Conditional Use Permit Application for 52 Lafayette Rd. Map 08 Lot 024

Colin Dinsmore and Steve Riloer, LLC Engineers from Ambit Engineering spoke on behalf of Applicant Millie Bauer regarding a permit application for 52 Lafayette Rd. She is seeking to renovate a four dwelling unit, construct a maintenance garage, build an apartment and a single family workforce housing unit in the rear of the parcel. A Planning Board site walk on this property is scheduled for April 16, 2015 at 3:00pm. After some discussion, *a motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Peter Robie, to conditionally recommend approval, subject to other findings from members at the site walk.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Review of Special Exception Application for 90 Lovering Rd. Tax 019

The Chair received a request for an Zoning Board Special Exception application from Russell MacDonald for a special exception for an accessory apartment located at 90 Lovering Road. After some discussion, *a motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Andrew Vorkink, to table this matter.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote, with and Kathy Grant recusing herself because she is an abutter to this property.

Easement Sub-Committee Update

Andrew Vorkink reported that a meeting was held on March 31, 2015. A draft work plan was discussed and the adoption of a monitoring plan primarily of parcels where the town is the Grantee. Towns can receive an internship grant for interns to assist for 1-3 weeks in the summer with monitoring the site. The committee plans to meet once a month.

Seacoast Conservation Commission Round Table Meeting

At the Seacoast Roundtable of Conservation Commissions meeting on June 8, 2015, wetlands delineation discussion will convene with Paul Minken, of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to clarify the Corps' interpretation of hydric soils. The intent of this is not to change wetland boundaries but to come up with a standard procedure for every wetland scientist to interpret wetland boundaries.

Twelve Shares of Parcels of Land in Conservation in Hampton

Putting the land in Hampton's Town Forest or continuing to pay the minimal taxes on Town-owned 12 shares parcels in Hampton were discussed. After some discussion, *a motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Philip Thayer, to leave the easement as is.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Hampton Rod & Gun Club

Recent testing indicated presence of lead in some of the water samples. DES will oversee this situation, however the Conservation Commission will monitor this matter.

Invoice for Legal Services

The Chair reported that a balance of \$250 is due to Michelle Peckham for legal fees for counsel on easement procedures. *A motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Philip Thayer, to pay the invoice due to Michelle Peckham for \$250.00.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

DES Meeting

A DES and FB Environmental meeting will be held in the Town Office on April 17, 2015 to review plans to implement surface water runoff projects with a DES 319 Grant for the Little River Watershed, which will be completed by the end of this year.

Winnicut River Watershed Meeting

A meeting for the Winnicutt River Watershed will be held on April 15, 2015. Three towns: Stratham, North Hampton and Greenland are seeking a grant for a watershed management plan.

Old Business

Winnicut River Quality Testing

There was discussion regarding the testing of the Winnicut River. After the discussion, *a motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Philip Thayer, to continue water quality testing and monitoring this year on the Winnicut River.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Little River Quality Testing

A budget of \$10,000 for quality testing the Little River was approved 2 years ago. It is unclear at this time who will manage this.

Correspondence

The Chair announced that there will be an Arbor Day event at 1:30pm at Rawlston Park, Greenland, hosted by the Winnicut River Watershed Committee.

There being no other business to discuss, *a motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Lisa Wilson, to adjourn the meeting.* The meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore
Recording Secretary

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