

North Hampton Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 2015  
**As Approved**

Administrative

**Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm. Present were Chris Ganotis (Chair), Lisa Wilson (Vice Chair), Kathy Grant, Russell Jeppesen and Andrew Vorkink. Members of the public included Rich Skowronski.

**Consideration of Minutes of May 12, 2015 Meeting**

After review of the May 12, 2015 minutes, *a motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Kathy Grant*, to accept the minutes as written with one misspelling correction made. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**New Business**

**Conservation Sub-Division DES Approval 142 Mill Rd Map 12, Lot 67**

Rich Skowronski, owner of 142 Mill Road requested an expedited permit application approval for a driveway wetlands crossing. This crossing was approved in 2008 by the Commission but the five-year term of the permit expired in December, 2014. He presented drawings by Steve Riker of Ambit Engineering. After some discussion, *a motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Andrew Vorkink, to accept the proposal and authorize the Chair to approve the expedited permit application*. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Skowronski also requested town stewardship for the conservation sub-division, because he was unable to get a third-party stewardship of the easement. The Chair indicated that Town stewardship may require a stewardship fee for baseline documentation, annual monitoring, easement enforcement oversight. The Chair is seeking guidance from outside trusts for estimated costs for the stewardship fee. He added that he will expedite efforts to obtain the needed information.

**3 Park Circle, Map 17, Lot 107-10 Wetlands Restoration Report**

Marc Jacobs, Wetlands and Soil Scientist submitted a wetlands restoration report on May 29, 2015 regarding the hydrology and soils, erosion, sedimentation, vegetation, pond status, recommendations and data forms for the wetlands restoration project required by DES. The Chair reported that, hearing no comments, suggestions or questions from Commission members regarding the plan, no further action will be taken to respond to Mr. Jacobs on the report.

**Old Business**

Easement Sub-Committee Update

Andrew Vorkink reported that a meeting was held on June 9, 2015 to develop a work program to identify the easements status of conservation properties the town holds and to address the needs for developing easement deed modifications as necessary. The

inventory of conservation parcels will be screened for easements status and priorities will be assigned based on status of easements and monitoring needs.

#### **Seacoast Conservation Commissioners Round Table Meeting Update**

A wetlands delineation discussion with Paul Minkin of the US Army Corps of Engineers was held on June 8, 2015 with seacoast town conservation Chair members. He gave a description of the procedures that need to be followed regarding hydric soils and wetland delineations. According to Mr Minkin, several recent delineations have been performed which conflict with generally accepted practice as a result of misinterpretations of Corps of Engineers guidelines. The goal is develop a single standard wetlands delineation procedure which wetlands and soils scientists will be required to use.

#### **Lamprey Farm Project**

A complaint letter was sent to the Attorney General's office regarding the Lamprey Farm project. It is still being reviewed and a decision is planned to be rendered in two weeks. After some discussion, *a motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Lisa Wilson, for the Commission Chair to send a letter to the Attorney General's office as to how and why the Commission made its no violation conclusions and decision regarding the Lamprey Farm easement and to indicate how the complaint letter does not reflect the public records.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote. Kathy Grant suggested adding the minutes of the March 10, 2015 meeting, which stated all of the reasons included for the final decision made by the Commission, however the Chair indicated that these minutes were already sent to them.

#### **Winnicut River Watershed Meeting**

A Winnicut River Watershed meeting will be held on June 24, 2015 for a pre-application discussion for a DES grant to show interest in a future proposal to obtain the grant. The Chair will report back the results of the meeting's discussion.

#### **Winnicut River and Little River Water Quality Testing Update**

FB Environmental did sampling on May 6, 2015 in dry conditions and will be conducting more testing for both rivers through the summer for both wet and dry conditions. The Select Board encouraged dredging of the Winnicut River to improve the flow of the river and protect public safety from septic systems leaching.

#### **Hampton Road and Gun Club Presentation**

At the Select Board of May 27, 2015, Professor J. Matthew David presented a summary of test data and sub surface water for soils for lead contamination, adding that more sampling and testing for lead contamination needs to be done. The DES gave a presentation at the Select Board meeting of June 8, 2015, describing sampling and test results for lead contamination to date for Phase 1 of the project. Because the further testing for lead in water and soils will be a lengthy and complex process, no specific conclusions on the overall site conditions of lead contamination were given by DES.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Russell Jeppesen, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Moore  
Recording Secretary

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