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North Hampton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2015

Administrative

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM. The Agenda was posted pursuant to RSA and Town Policy requirements.

Roll Call

Attendance included Chris Ganotis (Chair), Lisa Wilson (Vice Chair), Kathy Grant, Russell Jeppesen, Peter Robie and Andrew Vorkink (by Phone, pursuant to RSA). Having a quorum, the meeting was opened for business.

Consideration of Minutes

After review of the July 14, 2015 minutes, *a motion was made by Lisa Wilson, duly seconded by Kathy Grant*, to accept the minutes as written. The motion carried with a unanimous vote with Russell Jeppesen abstaining.

New Business

Conservation Sub-Division Easement Agreement 142 Mill Rd Map 12, Lot 67

There was a summary discussion on the consideration of the easement agreement approval by the Commission sent as a final draft for execution. Mr Skowronski sent the Chair e-mail correspondence indicating that he needed more time to consider alternatives. Following the discussion, *a motion was made by Peter Robie, duly seconded by Kathy Grant to table this matter*. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Attorney General Report regarding Lamprey Farm Easement

The Chair gave the results of the conclusions and recommendations by the Attorney General Report for the Lamprey Farm easement. The Attorney General reviewed the process in the Commission's decision that there was no violation of the Lamprey Farm easement. The report concluded that *"The determination of the Conservation Commission..... that the relocation of a barn onto Lamprey Field did not violate the terms of the conservation easement..... is a reasonable exercise of the Commission's fiduciary duties as the holder of the easement. Accordingly, the Attorney General, Director of Charitable Trusts will take no action with respect to that determination."* The report also included a recommendation for improving communication among the Town Boards and the Code Enforcement Officer relating to conservation land. The report further recommended that *"the Commission could also commit to a review process when it learns of substantial work planned for land subject to an easement it holds."* This was then discussed as being particularly relevant to establishing a formal process for obtaining documentation of complaints and other communications by residents of possible easement violations. The Commission will highlight these recommendations to the Town Administrator and then request input for approval by the Select Board on this matter.

Old Business

Easement Sub-Committee Update

No updates to report at this time. Work on the data base will start again in September.

Winnicut River Watershed Grant Pre-Proposal

The watershed management plan pre-proposal was submitted by the NH Rivers Council on behalf of the Towns of North Hampton, Stratham and Greenland to the DES for review. Some letters of recommendation were included, supporting the submittal of the grant pre-proposal. The DES will review pre-applications in the next several weeks for selection of applicant(s) to submit a detailed proposal for developing a Winnicut River Watershed Management Plan.

Winnicut River and Little River Water Quality Testing

FB Environment has done more testing, but the test data has not been received yet.

Mowing of Marston Farm Field

Walter Nordstrom will do the yearly brush hogging of the Marston Farm field behind the Community Garden.

Other Business

Hampton Rod & Gun Club

There was no new information to report at this time.

319 Grant Project on North Road

A newly completed 319 grant project for Little River Watershed includes a surface water mitigation surface with large stone rip-rap lining the base and side of the swale along North Road. The purpose of the stone surface is to reduce erosion and to mitigate flooding, sedimentation and contamination to improve water quality in the headwater of the Little River.

Lamprey Farm

The Commission complied with a Freedom of Information request to provide documents since January 2015 pertaining to the Lamprey Farm.

There being no further business to discuss, *a motion was made by Peter Robie, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to adjourn the meeting.* The meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore
Recording Secretary

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