Town of North Hampton Conservation Commission

Subcommittee on Easements

Minutes of Meeting

June 9, 2015

Town Hall

FINAL

Administrative Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm. Present were Chris Ganotis (Conservation Commission Chair), Andrew Vorkink (Subcommittee Chair), Kathy Grant and Lisa Wilson, constituting a quorum. The meeting was duly posted at four locations – the Town Hall, the Town Offices, the Library and the Town Website.

Consideration of Minutes of Meeting of March 31, 2015

After review of the draft minutes of the March 31, 2015 meeting, a motion was made by Lisa Wilson, seconded by Chris Ganotis, to accept the minutes as drafted. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business

Work Program

The meeting was devoted to discussing the work plan for the Subcommittee adopted at its meeting of March 31, 2015. Discussion centered around the revised database of conservation easements in Excel format which Kathy Grant has prepared and of which copies were given to the members. Most of the discussion involved updating information on parcels of land subject to easements, including those purchased by the Town under the North Hampton Forever initiative and improving information from the original database prepared by Chris Kane in 2007. Discussion also focused on identifying which parcels needed further legal action to complete easements not fully perfected in deeds and how to prioritize those parcels. A second discussion was prioritizing parcels for which the Town is the grantee of the easement so that a monitoring program can begin to be put in place.

The Subcommittee members agreed to review the revised database and submit proposals for the two prioritizations mentioned above before the next meeting of the Subcommittee. It was not that this is a complex process that will need to be done in stages over time because the Town is listed as conservation easement grantee on more than 50 parcels of land – some large and some very small.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Lisa Wilson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.

Andrew Vorkink, Subcommittee Chair

These minutes were prepared within five (5) business days as required by NH RSA 2, 11.