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North Hampton Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes March 8, 2016

Administrative

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM. The agenda was posted in compliance with RSA 91A and Town policy requirements.

Roll Call

Attendance included Chris Ganotis (Chair), Lisa Wilson (Vice Chair), Kathy Grant, Russell Jeppesen and Philip Thayer. Members of the public included Jeff Latimer and Lee Brooks.

Consideration of Minutes February 9, 2016

After review of the minutes with one grammatical correction, ***a motion was made by Philip Thayer, duly seconded by Lisa Wilson, to accept the minutes as written.*** The motion carried with Russell Jeppesen abstaining.

New Business

Rails to Trails Update by Jeff Latimer, Owner of Gus' Bicycles

Jeff Latimer gave an update of the Rails to Trails program. The negotiations between the State and Pan Am Railways are somewhat stalled. Another third party appraiser is being sought to develop a maintenance agreement. The proposed system will take time, money and effort to build. Potential partners include local communities and their Conservation Committees and Land Trusts. Trails behind the bike shop and Shaw's have been built. Signs need to be replaced, installed and named. Five suggested trail names were discussed and agreed on by the Commission. Chris Ganotis will contact Scott Bogle regarding restricted motorized vehicular use on the trails.

FB Environmental Proposals for Water Quality Testing for Little River and Winnicut River

Last year two FB projects that were funded were the Little River Water Quality Management Testing Program and the Winnicut River Water Quality Testing. FB submitted two contract proposals for water quality testing of the Little River and the Winnicut in 2016. After some discussion, *a motion was made by Philip Thayer, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to approve the Little River project total amount of \$9,935.00 in accordance with the FB contract proposal to continue water quality testing in 2016.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.. After discussion regarding the Winnicut River, *a motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Lisa Wilson, to fund continued water quality testing of the Winnicut River in the amount of \$4,999.* The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Old Business

Conservation Sub-Division Easement Agreement 42 Mill Rd Map 12, Lot 67 Richard Skowronski

A Draft Conservation Sub-Division Easement Agreement discussion was tabled from the February meeting and there are no new developments. A third party trust is still being sought to hold the easement.

Easement Sub-Committee Update on Monitoring

Some town parcels have little or no conservation deed restrictions. Chris reported that folders for each conservation parcel are in the fireproof file cabinet at the Town office. Files will be reviewed for the parcels needing deed restrictions.

Septic Systems Public Awareness Discussion

Septic System management was discussed. The Seacoast Round Table of Conservation Commissions has member towns working on Septic System Ordinances. In discussions, the Commission

discussed issues for public outreach to residents to become more aware of the importance of proper septic system maintenance. A draft brochure is being finalized and a video with information on this subject is on the North Hampton website at the Departments/Health tabs.

Administrative Update on Conservation Files

The Chair reported that documents for conservation parcels, in both hard copy and digital copy, are stored in the Town office.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Philip Thayer, duly seconded by Kathy Grant, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore
Recording Secretary

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