

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
“NORTH HAMPTON FOREVER” SUBCOMMITTEE
TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON
MINUTES OF MEETING
JUNE 27, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM in the town library. In attendance were C. Butcher, R. Field, C. Ganotis, T. Harned, G. Lagassa, P. Wilson, and D Wollmar as members of the committee, and H. Mixter as Chairman of the Conservation Commission.

The committee met for an organizational session at which the following actions were taken:

R. Field moved, C Ganotis seconded and the committee voted to elect T. Harned and P. Wilson as co-chairmen for a term of one year, commencing July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

T. Harned moved, G. Lagassa seconded, and the committee voted to elect C. Ganotis as treasurer for a one-year term as defined above.

P. Wilson moved, T. Harned seconded, and the committee voted to elect C. Butcher as secretary for a one-year term as defined above.

It was agreed that the committee would meet as needed, generally on Wednesdays, either in the evening or early mornings.

It will be the role of the committee to identify parcels of open land (and/or building rights) for purchase, to negotiate terms and conditions and to make recommendations to the Conservation Commission. If approved, the Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing, after which, and depending on the results of the hearing, the purchase would be presented to the Selectmen for funding. R. Field will create a more detailed organization chart for review at the next meeting.

After a review of funding options it was agreed to use “Bond Anticipation Notes”(BAN) for operating expenses. R. Field moved, G. Lagassa seconded, and the committee approved an initial 24 month budget of \$180,000 based on the following estimated needs:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>(\$000)</u>
Counsel	30
Planning	10
Marketing	20
Town wide communications	10
Specific purchases (2/year)	20
Grant writers	30
Options	10
Bank fees	20
General and administrative	12
<u>Contingency</u>	<u>18</u>
Total	\$180M

D. Wollmar read a letter from LCHIP declining the town's application for a matching grant in relation to the Dustin property purchase, but encouraging the town to resubmit this or other applications. The committee voted its considerable thanks and appreciation to Mr. Wollmar for his work on this project.

T. Harned reported the qualifications and willingness of Ms. Sherry Godlewski of DES, Department of Water Supply Protection to attend a future meeting for the purpose of explaining the variety of grants available and the steps required for applications. The committee agreed to invite Godlewski to an upcoming meeting as yet unscheduled.

The committee scheduled its next meeting for Wednesday, July 18 at 7:30AM at the Mary Herbert conference room. The primary focus of that meeting will be the establishment of the specific criteria and their weighted values for the evaluation and selection of potential property purchases.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.