

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NORTH HAMPTON FOREVER SUBCOMMITTEE
TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON
MINUTES OF MEETING JANUARY 3, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on November 29, 2001. Present were Christine Butcher, Bob Field, Chris Ganotis, Tim Harned, George Lagassa, Phil Wilson, Dick Wollmar and as subcommittee members and Henry Mixter as Chairman of the Conservation Commission. George Lagassa and Henry Mixter arrived at 8:00 PM.

The minutes for the November 29, 2001 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Wollmar moved to accept the minutes and Ms. Butcher seconded. The motion was approved 5-0 with one abstention.

The next meeting was set for February 7, 2002 at 7:00 PM in the Mary Herbert Conference room.

The issue of legal counsel to represent NH Forever was discussed in detail. Mr. Harned and Mr. Wilson had previously met with Attorney Briand Wade to discuss his qualifications and interest in representing NH Forever. Attorney Wade is interested in representing NH Forever and Mr. Harned and Mr. Wilson felt Attorney Wade was very well qualified for the NH Forever projects. Mr. Field moved to engage Attorney Wade of Portsmouth New Hampshire as special counsel to the NH Forever for project 01-01 based on his experience and reputation. Ms. Butcher seconded and the subcommittee approved the motion unanimously.

Mr. Field moved the sub committee obtain formal advice from the Town Administrator concerning the issue of competitive bids for future projects. Mr. Ganotis seconded the motion and the subcommittee approved the motion unanimously.

At 7:25 Mr. Harned moved the subcommittee voted to go into executive session to discuss projects currently pending, Mr. Ganotis seconded and subcommittee approved the motion unanimously.

Project 01.01: A site walk by NH Forever has been conducted. The subcommittee had a very favorable response to the property. Various issues relative to the project and moving the project were discussed. Mr. Wilson is to contact the landowners to determine the status of the survey and verify if the landowner has legal counsel. Mr. Field, Mr. Harned and Mr. Wilson are to meet with Attorney Wade, review the project and initiate necessary legal tasks.

Project 01.03: Mr. Harned, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Wollmar met with a representative of the landowners and gave the subcommittee an overview of the issues discussed. Mr. Wilson is to follow up with the representative and discuss the interest of the landowners. Mr. Wollmar will investigate grant opportunities relative to the property. Mr. Field will determine if 1031 of the tax codes would be applicable to this project.

Project 01.04: Mr. Field has had initial contact to discuss interest in a NH Forever project. Mr. Ganotis is to follow up and try to establish an initial meeting with the landowner.

Project 01.05: Mr. Wilson received a call from the landowner to discuss NH Forever. The landowner invited Mr. Wilson to come over and visit the property. Mr. Wilson did and reported back to the sub committee that the property appears to fit NH Forever's criteria for further consideration. Mr. Wilson is to follow up with the landowner.

Mr. Harned moved the subcommittee exit executive session. Mr. Ganotis seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Harned moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM. Mr. Ganotis seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.