

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NORTH HAMPTON FOREVER SUBCOMMITTEE
TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON
MINUTES OF MEETING April 4, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 AM on April 4, 2002. Present were Christine Butcher, Bob Field, Chris Ganotis, Tim Harned, Phil Wilson, Dick Wollmar as subcommittee members, Henry Mixter as Chairman of the Conservation Commission and Jennifer Landman as the Selectman's representative.

The minutes for the March 7, 2002 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Field moved to accept the minutes and Mr. Ganotis seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next meeting was set for May 2, 2002 at 7:30 AM in the Mary Herbert Conference room.

The subcommittee had a general discussion of the results in other area towns regarding efforts similar to NH Forever. Specifically Stratham and Newfields were discussed.

There was a general discussion of increasing NH Forever's rate of activity considering many details and procedures have been established due to Project 01-01 being near completion. It is now feasible to move forward on several projects. An additional meeting was scheduled for April 18, 2002, for the primary purpose of identifying the next group of projects to be considered.

At 7:55 AM Mr. Field moved the subcommittee go into executive session to discuss projects currently pending. Mr. Ganotis seconded the motion and subcommittee approved the motion unanimously.

Project 01.01: The status of this project was updated. There has been some delay as the property owner's attorney has been out of town and Attorney Wade has been busy working for a different client. There has been a problem with the defining allowable farming using circa 1850's methods. Several books have been reviewed and it appears we have a solution that will allow an agreement.

Project 01.02: Mr. Wilson, Mr. Harned and Mr. Mixter met with the landowner on March 25, 2002. The landowner appears to be interested in trying to put a project together. Unfortunately, it appears to be under conditions similar to previous discussions with the landowner that did not result in an agreement. Mr. Harned is to try to generate a preliminary Term Sheet to review and possible discussion with the landowner.

Project 01.03: Mr. Wilson met the landowner for a follow up conversation. Discussed in further detail NH Forever's interest. Landowner had previously thought NH Forever was interested in a large gift (donation) from the landowner. That was clarified and further discussions of possible financial arrangements were discussed including matching funds. The landowner is now much more interested in further discussions. Mr. Wilson will continue to follow up with the landowner.

Project 01.04: The March 26, 2002 had to be postponed. Currently attempting to reschedule the meeting.

Project 01.05: No progress to report. Mr. Wilson will attempt to follow up with the landowner.

Project 02.06: No update.

There was a general discussion of members of NH Forever serving on other boards with the town. It was agreed these members need to consider their actions on the various boards and avoid any appearance of conflict of interest between the various board actions.

Mr. Ganotis moved the subcommittee exit executive session at 8:54 PM. Ms. Butcher seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Ganotis moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 PM. Mr. Harned seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.