

Conservation Commission
North Hampton Forever SUBCOMMITTEE
Town of North Hampton
126 Daniel St.
Portsmouth, NH 03801
Minutes September 25, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 6:31PM on September 25th, 2007, present were, Phil Wilson & Tim Harned, Co-Chairs North Hampton Forever, Bob Field & Shep Kroner sub-committee members and Chris Ganotis & Stanley Knowles of the Conservation Commission. By conference call were Greg Caporossi and Matt Zieper representatives from the Trust for Public Land (TPL).

Absent: Dick Wollmar, Peter Simmons, and Craig Salomon

This meeting was held at the Law Offices of Colliander, Field and Brown, P.A., because the meeting requires teleconferencing capabilities to enable representatives of the Trust for Public Land to participate from a remote location.

We discussed funding options with the representatives from the Trust for Public Land.

Does TPL offer bridge loans, would they supplement any purchases of land, and do they offer any assistance with polling a community and designing any new funding legislation to put before voters in order to complete the goals set forth with the North Hampton Forever program.

TPL discussed how they assist communities in a number of ways, technical assistance, raising capital, advising local officials, polling of community members.

TPL utilizes a phased approach, the first being a Research phase, followed by a Feasibility phase. In this case, given our history, TPL would recommend against a Feasibility study.

At 8:00 PM Mr. Field moved the subcommittee enter into executive session under RSA 91-A: 3(b) for the purpose to discuss projects currently pending. Chris Ganotis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and so moved. Roll Call to enter executive session was unanimous in favor.

Project 7:41 – The committee determined that it was in the town’s best interest that we pursue this project.

Project 02-07 – A sense of the meeting was determined that this project will have to be postponed into the future.

Project 03-14 – A sense of the meeting was determined that this project will have to be postponed into the future.

Project 07-39 – A motion was made by Mr. Knowles and seconded by Mr. Ganotis to proceed with an offer of a conservation easement for 140K for two parcels totaling 16.1 acres, and to allow the owners the right to remove 230 board feet of timber. The vote was unanimous.

The committee then discussed future funding options for a few remaining parcels thought to be critical parcels which rank very high on the committees ranking of town properties.

Mr. Field motioned to move out of executive session. Mr. Ganotis 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Roll Call was unanimous in favor to move out of executive session.

Action taken: A motion passed to make an offer to purchase project # 07-39.

At 8:45 PM Mr. Field made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Mr. Knowles, The vote was unanimous.