

Conservation Commission
North Hampton Forever Subcommittee
Town of North Hampton
Minutes: 17 January 2008

Mr. Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:38AM.

Members present: Robert Field, Chris Ganotis, Stanley Knowles, Dick Wollmar, Phil Wilson, Co-chair.

Members absent: Tim Harned, Shep Kroner, Craig Salomon, Peter Simmons.

Consideration of minutes from the 15 November 2007 meeting was tabled. Moved by Mr. Ganotis, seconded by Mr. Knowles, passed unanimously (5-0).

The date for the next regular meeting was set for 7:30 AM, Thursday, 14 February in the Mary Herbert Conference Room. [After the meeting Mr. Wilson notified the Committee that he had been mistaken in suggesting that 14 February was the third Thursday of February and that, consequently, he would reschedule the meeting for 21 February, which is the third Thursday.

The Subcommittee discussed progress on satisfying requirements to complete the CELCP Winnicut Headwaters I grant. Mr. Ganotis reported that the base-line documentation for conservation purposes of the Luff property had been completed and signed, and was therefore ready for submission to NOAA.

Mr. Wilson explained complications with the D'Urso matching property appraisal. The appraisal as submitted has deemed inadequate. A number of members indicated that the appraiser was deceased and therefore that it would not be possible to seek additional supporting work from him. The Committee decided that Mr. Wilson should discuss the situation with the new CELCP Program Officer to determine next steps.

The Committee also considered alternative approaches to meeting matching requirements if the defects in the D'Urso documentation cannot be remedied. The most likely alternative is to submit the fee portion of the Robie acquisition as a matching parcel. A second alternative would be a "bundle" including the Donais, Dalton, and Woods acquisitions. A third would be the Demogenes acquisition. The clear preference of the Committee is to try to remedy the D'Urso issues to preserve the other acquisitions for use as future matching parcels.

Finally, with respect to the CELCP grant, Mr. Wilson said that the access easement for the Luff property had not yet been completed, and he said he would pursue this item with Ms. Peckham.

At 8:40 AM Mr. Field moved that the subcommittee enter into executive session under RSA 91-A: 3(b) for the purpose of discussing currently pending projects to acquire property rights. Stanley Knowles seconded the motion. The members were polled, and the vote was unanimous in favor and so moved.

Projects 03-14, 06-31, and 07-41 were discussed and no action was taken.

Mr. Wilson reported that he had been contacted by a Hampton resident on behalf of her mother about whether the Committee would be interested in a 4.0-acre parcel in the "12 Shares." After reviewing the location of the parcel, the Committee decided that it should not be pursued and asked Mr. Wilson to communicate with the owner's daughter.

Mr. Wilson reported that the RCCD had called to say that excess FRPP funds were available at the state level and to ask whether there were any eligible projects on which the Committee might be able to consummate a P&S agreement on or before 11 March.

In Executive Session the Committee authorized Mr. Field to contact the landowner in Project 06-35 about the possibility.

At 9:20 AM Mr. Field moved to exit executive session under RSA 91-A: 3(b) and to report action taken. Mr. Ganotis seconded the motion. Mr. Wilson polled the members present, and the vote was unanimous in favor and so moved.

Actions taken in executive session are noted in the minutes above.

At 9:21AM Mr. Field moved to adjourn. Mr. Knowles seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and so moved.

Respectfully submitted,



Phil Wilson, Co-chair