

Town of New Hampton Conservation Commission

Minutes

May 13, 2013

Commission members present: N. Conkling, R. Kirshner (Chair), B. Rolfe, P. Schlesinger
Also present: Barry Draper

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:10 P.M.

I) N. Conkling moved and P. Schlesinger seconded approval of the minutes of the meeting of February 18th, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

II) DES Communications:

a) The commission received a copy of a DES Complete Forestry Notification for Robert Rotondo on Baldwin Ave., Tax Map/Lots U16/8-26.

b) The commission received a copy of a DES letter requesting more information for the wetlands permit application of the Town of New Hampton for a culvert replacement on Sky Pond Road, and a copy of the permit.

c) The commission received a copy of a DES letter requesting more information for the wetlands permit application of Bruce Vaal on Route 104 for a landscape center.

d) The commission received a copy of a shoreland permit for Candice Dionne at 6 Cabin Drive, Tax Map/Lot U9-9-3.

e) The commission received a copy of a DES letter requesting more information for the shoreland permit application of Christina and Lisa Brunelle Smith at 11 Pemi Point, Tax Map/Lot U9-13, and a copy of a DES letter of acceptance for the permit application for this lot under the name of Grant Jones. The Smiths and Jones are both from Amherst NH -- same street, different numbers.

III) Election of Officers:

a) P. Schlesinger moved and B. Rolfe seconded having the existing officers continue in office. There were no other nominations, and the following were elected unanimously:

Chairman: R. Kirshner

Vice- Chairman: D. Moore

Secretary: N. Conkling

IV) Snake River Conservation Area/Elizabeth Clingan Baird Project:

a) R. Kirshner updated the commission on the latest developments in completing the acquisition process. We should be able to close on the property shortly.

b) R. Kirshner also reported meeting with Ray Moritz of the Waukegan Shoreowners Association/ Windy Waters Conservancy concerning information for their compliance with the NHEC Foundation grant reporting.

c) The first meeting of the Snake River Conservation Area Advisory Committee (SNARC) was held on March 10, 2013.

V) Public Safety Building Lot Trail:

a) R. Kirshner reported a discussion with Carol Andrews at the NHACC regarding our allowable participation in the project. She indicated the commission could help with planning the trail as a way of minimizing the environmental impact. We are awaiting a report from B. Pollock and Shaun Lagueux.

VI) Miscellaneous:

a) Various notices and paid bills were reviewed.

VII) Old Business:

a) Following a request for information, R. Kirshner received an email from Holden Engineering regarding the location of a vehicle maintenance pad and capacity calculations for the retention pond on the property of Bruce Vaal on Rte. 104. The pad is not shown on the site plan; it is in the application in case the contractor needs to service equipment on site. The detention pond was sized per NHDES regulations as a Wet Extended Detention Pond and sufficient volume for one foot of freeboard during a 50 year event.

b) There was further discussion of bench designs at the Kelley-Drake Conservation Area.

c) P. Schlesinger and N. Conkling agreed to make a map of the Main Street trees in the Bartlett Tree Experts recommendation.

VIII) New Business:

a) P. Schlesinger requested input on her concerns about impacts of river projects on downstream towns that are not currently notified in the wetlands permit process. She has spoken with Rep. Ruth Gulick about this, and will contact Collis Adams, the DES Wetlands Bureau Administrator.

R. Kirshner adjourned the meeting at 8:55 P.M.

N. Conkling, Secretary