

**Town of New Hampton
Conservation Commission**

Minutes

February 18, 2013

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

Also present: Barbara Lucas

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

I) N. Conkling moved and P. Schlesinger seconded approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 12th, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

II) DES Communications:

a) The commission received a copy of a DES letter concerning a wetlands permit application for Robert Rotondo on Baldwin Ave., Tax Map/Lots U16/8-26, noting missing information in the application.

b) The commission received a copy of a wetlands permit for the New Hampton School, 70 Main St., Tax Map/Lots U3/4 & 12

c) The commission received a copy of a complete forestry notification for the Hawkins Grantor Trust on West Shore Road, Tax Map/Lot R8/3

d) The commission received a copy of a shoreland permit for George Davis on Indian Trail, Tax Map/Lot U10/23.

e) The commission received a copy of a shoreland permit for Joseph Bourque on West Shore Road, Tax Map/Lot U14/32.

f) The commission received a copy of a wetlands permit application for the Town of New Hampton for a culvert replacement on Sky Pond Road.

g) The commission received a copy of a wetlands permit application for Bruce Vaal on Route 104 for a landscape material sales complex. Following discussion, R. Kirshner agreed to call Peter Holden engineering regarding the location of a vehicle maintenance pad and capacity calculations for the retention pond.

III) Public Safety Building Lot Trail:

a) P. Schlesinger informed the commission of discussions she has had with various people and organizations regarding creating a nature/fitness trail on the PSB lot. A trail with 20

fitness stations will cost about \$10,500. B. Lucas reported the selectmen are supportive of the project, and are setting up a fund to be administered by the Trustees of the Trust Funds. The commission was asked to participate. Discussion followed concerning limitations on commission activities by law (we are not a recreation commission, for example) and allowable activities such as the publication of information, coordination with other groups, and planning for the protection and better utilization of the lot. P. Schlesinger moved and B. Rolfe seconded a motion to have the commission support the trail concept within the limitations of RSA 36-A. The motion carried unanimously.

b) B. Pollock offered to help with grants and planning and will talk with Shaun Lageaux.

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

a) B. Rolfe moved and B. Pollock seconded a motion to accept a \$10,000 grant from the Waukewan Shore Owners Association (now d/b/a the Windy Waters Conservancy) which came from a grant from the NHEC Foundation for this project. The motion carried unanimously.

b) R. Kirshner updated the commission on the latest developments in completing the acquisition process.

V) Sludge/Biosolids -- RMI/Ambrose:

a) B. Lucas updated the commission on continuing problems with odors, insufficient setbacks, questionable monitoring, and other issues with the "Nutrasoil" in the pit. The town Health Officer and DES are continuing to address the problems with RMI, which has now bought the pit.

VI) Jackson Pond:

a) The dam owners have given notice of their intentions to lower the pond after ice out in preparation for obtaining a dam removal permit. R. Kirshner has attended several meetings with property owners around the pond, B. Lucas, and DES. Extensive information will be required for permitting.

b) The selectmen will be conducting a public information meeting at the Town Office at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19th concerning draining the pond.

VII) Miscellaneous:

a) Various notices and paid bills were reviewed.

b) P. Schlesinger moved and N. Conkling seconded a motion to continue our membership in the NH Association of Natural Resource Scientists (NHANRS) until we decide not to. The motion carried unanimously.

c) R. Kirshner reported that the present balance of the Conservation Fund is \$86,464.89.

V) Old Business:

a) R. Kirshner reported sending a non-intervention letter to DES concerning the wetlands permit application of the New Hampton School.

VI) New Business: None

R. Pollock moved and R. Kirshner seconded adjournment at 9:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

N. Conkling, Secretary