

JOINT MEETING OF SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
FORESTS & HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Selectmen's Meeting Room, Hampton Town Offices  
Thursday, March 7, 2002

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Conservation Commission, Vivianne G. Marcotte at 7:00 p.m. Attending the meeting were Mary Louise Woolsley, residents of the Exeter Rd area including Chet & Diane Reilly, John & Susan Culp, Bob Nudd, Greg Smart, Steve Batchelder, Skip Batchelder, & Julie Larson. Commissioners attending were Nancy Olney and Bonnie Thimble.

Mr. Tom Howe, Director, of the Society for protection of NH Forests, addressed the meeting. He gave an introduction of the SPNHF. The SPNHF is based in Concord and is State wide.

The SPNHF's interests include land conservation (acquiring ownership of land and conservation easements, programs in forestry and educational efforts. Mr. Howe stated that the SPNHF has had many conversations with the Batchelder family for about four years regarding the Exeter Rd. land. The key consevation features in this area are easements on Exeter Road and the Taylor River wetland complex.

Conservation Commission's Interest include the protection of wetlands and acquiring easements. Ms. Woolsey asked about the wild life and if the Society had any ties with Fish & Game. She also asked about going into the schools to speak to the students about these issues. Mr. Howe stated that they do a lot of educational training.

Mr. Reilly asked about the west end of the Batchelder property.

Possible joint CC/SPNHF outreach efforts might include:

1. Land protection workshops, w/tailored invitations, and
2. Follow up by SPNHF, CC or orthers as appropriate

Possible funding sources:

1. Transaction assistance funds (Land Trust Alliance)
2. Conservation Commission funds
3. Other public funding (New Hampshire Land & Community Heritage Investment Program, New Hampshire Dept. of Environmental Services Water Supply Protection Grant Program, New Hampshire Fish & Game Dept., New Hampshire Scenic Byways Program, New Hampshire Coastal Program, Gulf of Maine Council, & U.S. Farmland Protection Program)

Other resources include:

1. Center for Land Conservation Assistance
2. Consultants

Next steps might include planning a workshop and sending out invitations. A possible date might be Saturday, June 15, 2002. Ms. Marcotte and Mr. Howe will follow-up.

Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Launi  
Secretary