

**JOINT MEETING OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 15, 2005**

**7:30 AM
TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: P. G. Robart, Chairman; F. J. Ferreira, Jr., S. C. Volpone, Jr., Selectmen;
E. N. Small, Town Administrator; L. A. Ruest, Administrative Assistant

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: T. Healey-Beattie, Chair;
D. Gandt, L. Smith, E. Volpone, R. Wiener, Members

This joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission was held to discuss acceptance of a Farm and Ranchland Protection Program grant awarded to the Town of Hampton Falls in the amount of \$250,000.

T. Healey-Beattie stated that Mary Currier of the Rockingham County Conservation District called to inform that the grant application for the Biggi property (Sunset Ridge Farm) on Kensington Road (Map 1, Lot 47) was approved in the amount of \$250,000. This parcel totals 166 acres in its entirety. The conservation easement area proposed is 40 +/- acres, an area with considerable frontage along Kensington Road. She provided those in attendance with packets of information relating to this parcel. A report prepared by the Rockingham County Conservation District relating to this property was provided for review as well.

T. Healey-Beattie referred to the town maps and identified this parcel as well as the Sargent (65 acres), Rand and Dilmore (40 acres) parcels that are under consideration for conservation easements as well. Conservation easements of this area would allow for a contiguous open space area with considerable protection of wildlife and watershed areas.

At the conclusion of discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: To recommend to the Board of Selectmen to accept the \$250,000 grant from the Ranch and Farmland Protection Program for 40 +/- acres of the Biggi property (Map 1, Lot 47) and to enter into negotiation to purchase a conservation easement as designated in the Ranch and Farmland Protection Program grant.

MOTION: L. Smith
SECOND: R. Wiener
Unanimous

Conservation Commission members indicated they will continue to pursue the purchase of an easement and adjourned their portion of this meeting at 8:13 a.m.

The Selectmen continued with its portion of the meeting at 8:18 a.m.

**FARM AND RANCLAND PROTECTION PROGRAM GRANT – BIGGI PROPERTY
(MAP 1, LOT 47):**

MOTION: To issue a letter to the Rockingham County Conservation District indicating the Town's intent to obligate \$400,000 specifically for the purchase of the Biggi (Map 1, Lot 47) conservation easement.

MOTION: S. C. VOLPONE, JR.
SECOND: F. J. FERREIRA, JR.
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BUILDING INSPECTOR: The new Building Inspector, Tim Pare, is to start full time on September 19, 2005.

**MOTION TO GO INTO NONPUBLIC SESSION
AT 8:24 AM TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL**

**MOTION: F. J. FERREIRA, JR.
SECOND: S. C. VOLPONE, JR.
UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION TO GO OUT OF NON-PUBLIC SESSION
AND RESUME AT 8:32 AM**

**MOTION: S. C. VOLPONE, JR.
SECOND: F. J. FERREIRA, JR.
UNANIMOUS**

ROADWORK: E. N. Small reported that road work has begun on Brown Road to include reclaiming and paving. There will be a one-week break in work, and then paving will begin on the other scheduled roads.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:35 A.M.

**MOTION: F. J. FERREIRA, JR.
SECOND: S. C. VOLPONE, JR.
UNANIMOUS**

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