

Hampton Conservation Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of 26 January, 2010

Meeting called to order by Chairman Wayne Kilpatrick at 7:35 pm.

Also present were: Marcia Kilpatrick, Phoebe Huang, Randy Thompson, Penny Newbury, Bob Johnson and Everett Hyde. Absent was Dan Meade.

Minutes of the 22 December minutes were accepted. It was noted they have to be in within 7 days to be posted...(lately they've been tardy...)

Audience for citizens: None.

Additions to the agenda:

1. Trails brochures under old business.
2. Rain gardens under new business.
3. Electronic waste under new business.

Old Business:

1. Old Barn Count: Some people are doing their pictures now, with winter scenes. Others will be starting soon. "The Map" was brought out to verify areas.
2. Route 6 Land Purchase: Wayne Kilpatrick and Marcia Kilpatrick attended the P & Z meeting the previous night. Some questions were answered by a Joshua's Trust representative, Richard Hyde. P & Z, HCC, and JT now seem to be on the same page of music. We are waiting for the Banford's atty. To write up paperwork to protect the Banford's "gift" of the two western lots plus portions of the DoT property. All agree it should be signed off by the Banfords, JT, P&Z, and finally HCC.
3. Old Road Identification: There will be a Feb. 11 meeting with the town atty. to discuss this subject with him. As of now, nothing has changed.
4. Trails Brochure: HCC is intending to help produce a brochure showing the various walking trails in town. There are plans for something to be ready in the spring.

New Business:

1. Rain Gardens: Marcia Kilpatrick was thinking of ways the two new upcoming buildings in town, the town garage and Eastconn, could try and make use of rain gardens in filtering runoff from the roofing. These would be to collect pollutants.
2. School Property (conservation easement): Regarding the town property on Rt. 97, the idea of the town putting a conservation easement on this piece was discussed. It may not be easy to develop it in the future, though, and some questioned the need for one. The towns of Pomfret and Killingly are already protecting some of their property. Wayne Kilpatrick will try and get some information from these towns and get back with it at the next meeting.

3. WCCC meeting Jan. 27, 2010: At this meeting (tomorrow) there will be a talk on recycling by a representative from Stafford Springs. Connecticut is far behind other states in recycling. 31 Conn. towns (out of 169) are using "pay as you throw" for unrecyclable garbage. This may or may not work for Hampton.
4. Electronic Waste: There was mention that a source of money may become available for towns to collect their own E/waste.

Town Related Business:

1. Budget: The budget is coming due by the end of Feb. We (HCC) have spent only a few hundred dollars of our \$500 budget. We may spend some on the above mentioned trails brochure. How about a GPS to help map the trails...?

Audience for Citizens: We described to the audience the reason or meeting with the town atty. about the old roads project. It is an information gathering meeting only.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Randy Thompson, recording secretary