

Hampton Conservation Commission

Minutes of the 27 December ,2011 meeting

Meeting called to order by Chairman Thompson at 7:33 pm.

Also present were: Marcia and Wayne Kilpatrick, Penny Newbury, Deb Barton, Eve Hyde and Bob Johnson. Absent were Phoebe Huang and Linda Gorman. Eve Hyde was seated for Phoebe Huang.

Additions to the agenda: Windham Road sub-division under new business.

Acceptance of minutes of October and November, 2011 meetings. Minutes accepted, with Nov. minutes being amended as follows: Chaplin 44 acre property added to list of other towns' acquired properties. Also Japanese honeysuckle was only a vine, not a shrub.

Old Business:

1. Loiselle property. Nothing new.
2. Vadnais (Edwards) 50 acre property. Randy is finishing up a letter to send to Mr. Vadnais. In it he recommends that he (RT) be the liaison from now on, with help from Joann when needed. The Commission wanted members to see the letter before it is sent out. It will include asking permission to get appraisals as our next step.
3. Invasive plant of the month: THIS was the honeysuckle shrub....a sickly looking thing...!
4. Walks brochure: We are waiting for the cover design to be finished. Bob will e-mail everything to members when ready.
5. Letter to the Board of Selectmen: Wayne Kilpatrick wrote a letter, and had copies available for us. It was to be sent to Mike Alberts after the Board of Selectmen gave it their support. This may help in convincing the State to want to purchase the Vadnais property for addition to the Goodwin State Forest.
6. Letter from Tom Gaines requesting town funding for open space. The letter is to make a resolution to be brought before the town to request \$30K annually be put in the budget for the open space fund. Members will think about this, and the wording of it, for the next meeting.

New Business:

1. WCCC Meeting. The next WCCC meeting will be 31 January, 2012 at the Brooklyn Extension Center. DEEP will be there to talk about state recycling. Marcia reported on EPA information on recycling; trying to get it to 80%-95%.
2. Pomfret Town Meeting Report: Chairman Thompson reported on the meeting, and described how they presented the spending of state and town money to buy development rights, and buy property outright. About 120 people attended. Phoebe of our HCC also attended. We may try

and get one or two people from Pomfret to come to a HCC meeting to talk about the methods they use to bring these ideas to their town for acceptance. If it should happen we will invite IWC, P&Z and the Board of Selectmen to attend.

3. Town property on windy Hill road. The town Meeting minutes of May, 1971 gave the HCC the task of investigating uses for that property (about 65 acres). Nothing was ever done in the 40 years since, so we (HCC) will ask the Board of Selectmen to charge us with this again. It will include finding the boundaries, and getting a forestry assessment done by the state foresters (at no cost to us).
4. 2012 Monthly meeting schedule. Will still be the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. Will look into changing the time from 7:30 pm to 7:00 pm.
5. Conservation Survey List. The list was handed out for members to review for the next meeting. We can possibly make changes or additions.
6. Check-list for Joshua's Trust. Joann Freeman finished the check-list for those easements under her care.
7. Windham Road sub-division. Two house lots are planned for the Easterly part of Windham Road in Hampton, and Canterbury. P&Z has a meeting scheduled for Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss this. There may be a site walk in our future...

Communications: Dan Evans of Goodwin State Forest wants to meet with us to give us an update on the forest management plan recently done for GSF. Hopefully at a future meeting.

We voted to subscribe to Connecticut Wildlife Mag. For 3 years for \$20.

Audience for citizens: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted; Randy Thompson. Chairman and acting secretary

