

Hampton Conservation Commission

September 28, 2010 Regular meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Wayne Kilpatrick.

Also present: Randy Thompson, Bob Johnson, Everett Hyde, Dan Meade, Marcia Kilpatrick, Joann Freeman, Phoebe Wang.

Absent: Penny Newbury

Minutes of the August 24, 2010 meeting were accepted.

Audience: Violet Marquis

Additions to Agenda:

Old Business:

1. Old Barn Inventory - contact was made by Angelica Hansen regarding her possible interest in doing this as she had recently attended the same presentation given to previously by Penny Newbury and Joann Freeman. Wayne or Randy will get in touch w/her.
2. Conservation Easements along Little River - Much discussion about the best way to approach land owners along the river to garner interest about putting an easement on their river front property. Possibilities included another article in the Hampton Gazette, sending letters to the owners and/or holding an evening presentation with speakers. It was decided that Wayne would re-issue, with needed changes, an Gazette article published previously and compose a letter to be agreed upon at a future meeting. A public presentation would possibly follow.
3. Fall Hampton Walk - A walk will be held at Blue Flag Iris Meadow on Saturday, November 13, 2010. An article will be submitted to the Gazette regarding this and scheduled time of the walk.
4. Invasive Plants - Marcia Kilpatrick showed the members and audience several species of invasive plants found locally and through out much of New England. Japanese Knotweed, Rosa Rugosa, Autumn Olive, Buck Thorn and wild Mustard Garlic were observed. Mile-A-Minute weed was recently found in a near by town. Discussion about so many people not knowing these plants and other invasive being a real problem in eradicating them.

New Business:

1. ATV' s and new cell tower technology to be discussed at the September 30, 2010 Windham Consortium meeting. Also on the agenda is the desire of the town of Killingly to have the state of Ct. take over the care of that towns ponds.

At a future meeting Donna Ellis, Co-Chair of the Invasive Plant Working Group at UCONN will present on this topic.

On October 14, 2010 there will be an Invasive Plant talk at UCONN.

2. Tony Gugliermo and Susan Eastwood will hold a debate and take questions from the audience on September 29, 2010 in Vernon for those interested in attending.

3. Old King s Highway property - Randy and Wayne will meet with owners of property for sale on Old Kings Highway and Rte. 97. Wayne had made prior contact with owners through ~~their~~ ~~realtor~~ about any interest in preserving part of the land as open space. They are receptive to this idea.

4. The Commission will also contact Mr. Loiselle regarding possibly walking his land on Parker and Rte. 97. He is interested in selling this property.

#### Town Related Business:

1. Randy showed the new town zoning map that was shone to P&Z clearly showing all exiting property lines of developed and un-developed lots, the 2 business zones and Little River corridor. It will be tweaked and the Conservation Commission put in a request for 12 copies for our use.

Audience:  
No discussion.

Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.