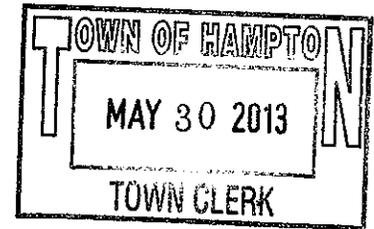


HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
minutes
meeting of 28 May, 2013



Note: The meeting was held at the Fletcher Memorial Library duetto town room being prepared for next days' voting.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman R. Thompson at 7:05 pm.

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

Minutes of the 26 March, 2013 meeting were accepted after being corrected as follows: Under plant of the month, change "friendly" to "native" and eliminate "..ef some kind". Visitors from Joshua's Trust were President Allison Burchall-Robinson, Executive Director Stephanie Clark, and President Elect Fran Funk.

Audience for citizens. None.

Additions to the agenda. None.

Old Business:

1. Plant of the month. The Norway maple tree "invaded" in 1750s, and is widely planted as an ornamental. It will leaf out and seed very early. It comes in a few varieties and shades out most native plants including the ~~MM~~ Sugar maple, which it is slowly replacing as a major shade tree.
2. Walks brochure. Bob Johnson showed us a sample of a nice, simple paper brochure describing 5 walks in town. Some small changes will be made, and then the final brochure shown to all members, with a small run to be done. It would also be available from the computer.
3. Edwards/Vadnais property. It has now been bought and paid for; the closing a few weeks ago. The survey and property description are also finished, and in the hands of Conn. DEEP. They will next send us more material regarding signage, easement wording, etc. Meanwhile, we can now work on trails, parking, boundary marking and more. It was decided to have the main parking and sign display at the north east corner off Old Town Pound road. This is an older ~~MX~~ excavated area needing some attention. A kiosk was considered. Chairman Thompson will temporarily flag possible trails for consideration. It was noted during discussion that the two town roads could also be considered trails, therefore limiting the need for many interior ones. It was also mentioned trails should stay a good distance from private property. We may

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put up our own "Town of Hampton Conservation Area" small signs to show the boundary, but no need to paint any boundary lines. The old stone bridge will take some work to clean off the vegetation.

4. Windy Hill Town Property. Chairman Thompson passed out a draft of recommendations for the possibility of a future timber harvest on the 62 acre piece. There was considerable discussion. Penny Newbury made a motion that we create and submit a formal letter to the Board of Selectmen regarding the Windy Hill property and the Commission's support of a forest management plan before any sale. Deb Barten seconded. Voted on and passed unanimously.

New Business.

1. Other HCC projects. In regards to the so-called Loisel property on Pudding Hill Road: there is boundary work (marking) to do and possible trail locations. Also, it was mentioned there should be a more appropriate name given to this area showing it as town property.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Randy Thompson
Acting secretary