

Hampton Conservation Commission Minutes for July 22, 2014

Meeting called to order @7:08 pm by Chairman, Randy Thompson. Present were R. Thompson, P. Newbury, D. Barton, M. Kilpatrick, L. Gorman (seated for B. Johnson) and E. Hyde. Absent were B. Johnson and N.A.

Minutes accepted, with following corrections offered by MK: The name of the upcoming walk is "Walktober;" MK's report on landfill included her trip to town hall to discuss posters for recycling possibilities w/ 1st Selectman Cahill.

1st Selectman not present for presentation during audience for citizens time slot. Additions proposed to agenda included 5 Ponds, Killingly discussion for new business and Hampton recycling for old.

Old Business:

Walktober event scheduled by B. Johnson, who will be the leader, w/ date and time to follow. Blue flag.

The Edwards preserve sign and plaque are here, and the parking lot is finished. We need to designate location for entrance sign. Kiosk will be located at the trail head, meeting up w/ flagged mountain biking trail from CS to TP installed by Stan and his trails group. Four acres of the upper field has been cleared and the brush will be burned. The selectmen have not finished clearing yet, and Randy will check w/ Mike for completion date. Joshua's Trust is eager for us to schedule a walk to promote the new preserve. When selectmen finish installing the two signs, we will be able to schedule a walk.

On the significant tract map front, NECOG may have adjacent towns on their database. Randy displayed the updated map that he has copied and given to landowners w/ easements. The color code is as follows:

*Yellow is under possible consideration

*Green outlines our "top ten"

*Burgundy denotes other properties of interest

Randy chose the following possibilities, notably large ones that abut other protected properties:

Sand Hill Road Horse Farm

Andrews b/t Hilltop Farm and Pudding Hill Woods of Rt. 97

Mark Davis – 30 acres next to Ostby on Old Rt. 6

Perony on Parker Rd. – 20 acres next to Town property

Baldwin – next to Windy Hill property off Sarah Pearl Rd.

Schneider Trust – next to and across from Sarah Pearl Rd. (Owner lives in MA)

Jericho Rd. – Chvirko – 40 acres hunting piece next to Town and Schneider

Station Rd. - next to Natchaug – Estabrooks 20+ acres (Owner lives in Arizona)

Greg Frieman – 100 acres off Fisk next to Halbach, across from W. Stone

Marion Halbach – 70 acres next to Frieman

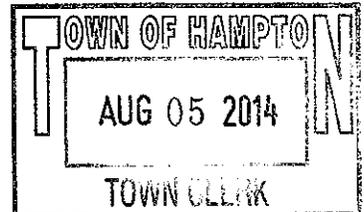
Rt. 6 – 50 acres across from state forest (very wet)

Ron Gluck & Fuller Farms – N. Bigelow and Drain St. 30 acres

Parker Road – Pat Navin 90 acres

Brook St. – Timberdoodle (sp?) 100 acres

Burdick properties



There was a discussion re asking the Town to protect segments of open space that are town-owned. In the future perhaps the HCC can send a diplomatic survey to large land owners to gauge their interest in land preservation. List to be updated for next meeting.

New Business:

Campion Farm is a pilot project by the state to save farms less than 50 acres. Have a survey, and the money is there. Developments rights will be purchased. Town has to put in \$28,000 to protect it as agricultural land, Little River and the view. It requires a Town meeting for support and a vote. Hyde suggested that when discussing this w/ 1st Selectman, we seek stronger support for a yearly open space allocation of \$20,000. Discussed plans for *meeting and preservation (R. Miller mentioned). *Perhaps August, topic-specific. REFERENCE POCD and how it

conforms, esp. since it's near Little River. Hyde made motion to inform 1st Selectman of our lengthy discussion and support of the project. He plans to make a presentation at the special meeting that illustrates how the project conforms w/ the POCD and its fit with w/ our criteria of land preservation and Little River preservation. Randy will ask what the Conservation Commission will be doing re this project. Seconded and carried.

NECOG replaces WINCOG as our agency.

The HCC meeting @ Goodwin State Forest is October 28th. Randy will confirm.

5 Ponds in E. Killingly issue – concerns about the five being drained and the ripple effect from that possibility.

Kilpatrick suggested all should visit the pong. The legislators are looking for a compromise.

Recycling – Kilpatrick talked to Liz re her request for 1st Selectman and his article for the Gazette.

Virginia Welch property discussed.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:25

R/S

L. Gorman