

Hampton Conservation Commission
Minutes of the regularly scheduled
meeting of 24 July, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Chairman R. Thompson ay 7:04 pm.

Also p~~re~~sent were: Wayne Kilpatrick, Penny Newbury, Ev Hyde, Deb Barton, Phoebe Huang and Linda Gorman. Absent were Marcia Kilpatrick and Bob Johnson. Linda Gorman and Deb Barton were seated for Marcia Kilpatrick and Bob Johnson.

Additions to the agenda:

1. Invasive plant of the month under old business.
2. Service Forester's Report on Vadnais/Edwards property.

Acceptance of June minutes. Penny Newbury seconded a motion by Phoebe Huang to accept the minutes of June, 2012. Accepted.

Audience for citizens. None

Old Business:

1. Vadnais/Edwards property update. Now that the application is in, we can rest for a while, and start thinking of how to present this idea at a town meeting in the fall, should the State accept our application and provide monies.
2. Joshuas Trust thank you letter. A letter of thanks will be written and sent to JT for their proposed \$15K assistance. May include a letter from the Selectmen also.
3. Walks Brochure. Tabled.
4. Invasive of the month. Spotted Knapweed. It is a serious problem in grasslands.

New Business:

1. Plan for a Build-Out Analysis. Chairman Thompson described communications he has had with WINCOG on this subject. They can provide one for about \$2K. We may be able to get the same from students at UCONN for much less cost. Motion was made and passed to proceed with looking into help from UCONN students.
2. USDA Citizens Volunteer Pest Survey. A letter from USDA said they are looking to enlist citizen volunteers to be on the lookout for signs of the Asian Longhorned Beetle and the Emerald Ash Borer. Chairman T. said he would look into this.

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New Business...continued.

3. Maps...now all in the town hall, and labeled.
All maps concerning HCC that have been produced and/or found are in the town hall, together and labeled. They are in a wood holder in the west room near the old probate office.
4. Service Forester's Report.
We received an extensive report from Mr. Raymond, the Service Forester stationed at Goodwin State Forest. He had walked the Vadnais/Edwards property and wrote up a 6 page report of his findings, and made some recommendations. All HCC members got a chance to see it. Should the town be successful in purchasing the property, it will be used in doing a more involved forest management plan later.

Communications.

1. CACIWC renewal. We will renew our membership.

Audience for citizens. None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Randy Thompson