

HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes - Regular meeting
22 September 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairman R. Thompson at 7:02 pm. Also present were: Ev Hyde, Stan Crawford, and Marcia Kilpatrick. Absent were: Penny Newbury, Bob Johnson, Linda Gorman and Deb Barton. Stan was seated for Bob.

Minutes of the August meeting were accepted.

Audience for citizens. Angelica Hansen gave us information (relating to item #1 in Old Business) about property James Estabrooks has for sale in town. A 36 acre piece on Station Road is for sale for \$105K. A 5+ acre piece on Old Town Pound Road would be given to the town, and another 5+ acre parcel adjacent to Goodwin State Forest and the Airline Trail is still to be decided on. Because these parcels are in a Trust, there are questions as to how these transfers can be made. All the parcels are open to site walks, although the 36 acre piece is actively hunted.

Old Business:

1. James Estabrooks. 3 parcels. Discussion followed the audience for citizens (above). The 36 acre parcel would be an ideal candidate for a State Open Space Grant application if it is still available in the near future.
2. Walktober walk. Bob Johnson and Randy Thompson will, along with Jean W from HAHS, meet to make final plans, to include some history of the walk area.
3. Preston Sanctuary. There will be a walk and talk on invasives and controls done there. Date is Saturday, 26 September at 10 am.
4. WCCC meeting. Representatives from four local land trusts will talk about their organizations and take questions. The four are: New Roxbury in Woodstock, Joshuas Trust, Wyndham Land Trust and Wolf Den Land Trust. Meeting is 29 September at 7 pm at the Brooklyn Extension Service.

New Business:

1. Chairman Thompson met with some members of the Bigelow/Howard Valley Fish and Game Club. They were presented with a map of the Town showing updated protected open space areas. There was some ~~discussion~~ discussion of what they saw for their future. There are 12 active members in the club; none living in town. They enjoy coming to town to "get away" and hunt or just spending time on their property. Some came as children of past members, and some have children who want to continue the activity. They manage the club's land for a variety of wildlife and plan to continue this in the future.

Communications. None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.