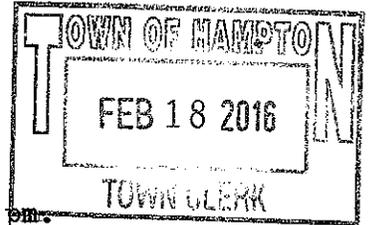


HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of 26 January 2016 meeting



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

Acceptance of minutes of November 2015 meeting. Minutes accepted.

Audience for citizens. Two members of the Hampton Antiquarian and
Historical Society, Sue Hocstetter and Angelica Hansen, came to
express their interest in the old trees of town; planting, re-
placing and assisting those in need of help. This is item # 3
in New Business moved forward. Discussion followed, mostly
considering the older street trees. This subject falls within
the "street scape" criteria for the HCC. There are, in town,
some "people of knowledge" who can help. There was a motion to
join with HAHS in a tree study... "great trees of Hampton".
Motion passed.

Additions to the agenda. None.

Old Business:

1. Old Town Pound Road - 6.5 acre parcel. Update. The required
survey is being done, and when finished, a closing can happen
shortly after. The kiosk should be turned around to face North.
The acknowledgement plaque must be installed, and maps made.
Hopefully this will be done by April.
2. HCC/HES. Chairman Thompson visited Hampton Elementary School
to see if they would consider something conservation oriented,
such as a class trip, and we (HCC) could help with unused funds
from our budget. They were receptive to this idea. 1st Select-
man A. Cahill was fine with the idea also. Thompson will look
into this further. Currently there is still over \$400 in our
budget.
3. HCC/PoCD. HCC members are being asked to help with the work on
the new Plan of Conservation and Development by reading the
current part on Open Space, and making comments on what is un-
changed, what has changed and what we think should be focused on
for the coming 10 years.

HCC minutes of January 2016 meeting...continued.

New Business:

1. What can we do this year...? Members voiced some ideas. One was to come up with principals or standards of open space selection. Others were doing something with the elementary school related to conservation, and showing and explaining the use of rain gardens. Members were asked to select an idea for the next meeting.
2. Open Space account. Chairman Thompson mentioned this account, even though it is specific to protection of open space, is not "technically" protected itself from transfer of funds. There was some discussion. Stan Crawford thought that, because the town is in such good financial shape, the open space account was safe.
3. HAHS - Trees. This item was moved ahead in the agenda.

Communications. The town received a letter from Jay Carter regarding a letter the Town sent them concerning the 50 acre parcel they own along the Little River down at the lower part of Hammond Hill Road and south of there. It is high on the list of significant properties to protect, if possible. They have no plans to do anything, but would be happy to "discuss possible future options".

The Last Green Valley is scheduling walks in April and May for land trusts and conservation commissions. HCC members decided to go with the fall Walktober event times for now.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.