

HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes

Special Meeting of 19 november, 2013

Prior to the meeting, State Forester Dick Raymond gave a talk about forestland ownership, and the need for establishing goals in leading up to a forest management plan. Two private foresters in the audience, Dan Donahue and Dan Evans, also contributed valuable information on the subject. There was discussion about harvest plans and selling timber, incl. who to sell it to and supervision of a logging operation.. There was talk the three types of foresters who might be involved, as well as the State requirements for those doing the buying and harvesting. The talk, picture presentation and question period lasted 90 minutes, and a great deal of good information was put forth.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman R. Thompson at 8:35 pm.

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

Minutes of the last regular meeting in August were accepted.

Audience for citizens. Selectmen Cahill and Chapel thanked the Commission for organizing the meeting with State Forester Raymond.

Old Business:

1. Edwards property. The town has received the grant money from the State (\$101,500), and it will be going back into the Open Space fund. We have 6 months to do a sign, and we can also work on a kiosk for information, and prepare the parking area. The planned walk of 02 Nov. had great weather, and 6 people turned out to tour the new town property. Violet Marquis took many great pictures.

New Business:

1. Elementary School lighting. Ev Hyde talked about the HES considering newer outside lighting. He mentioned the school was considering two alternatives. We voted to send a letter to the school board recommending they go with a "Dark Skies" alternative if there is a change, to lessen the "trespass light" given off.
2. Still two HCC openings to fill. There may be interest in filling one of the vacant positions.

Communications. None.

Audience for citizens. None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by R. Thompson.