

March 27, 2012 Hampton Conservation Committee Meeting

Called to order at 7:05 PM by Chair Randy Thompson

Present: Randy Thompson, Wayne Kilpatrick, Phoebe Huang, Penny Newbury, Bob Johnson, Marcia Kilpatrick, Linda Gorman

Absent: Everett Hyde, Deb Barton

Minutes of February 28, 2012 and March 5, 2012: Motion to accept –Penny Newbury, seconded by Bob Johnson and unanimously approved.

Greg Frieman Property on Fisk Road, Hampton: Mr. Friedman explain that he would like to sell an approximate 54 acre piece of land of the estate of his late father, Peter Friedman to the town of Hampton for conservation of it. He granted the conservation commission members permission to walk it and he would accompany if available. The commission agreed to do so.

Ken Loiselle Property on Rte 97: Mr. Loiselle and Selectman Michael Chapel have been in correspondence and Mr. Loiselle would like to sell it to the town of Hampton. The land account will be used for such purchase. Bob Johnson will write a letter to the selectmen giving reasons as to why we should purchase such property.

Vadnais Property abutting Goodwin State Forest to the East: Phoebe Huang made a motion that we ask Mr. Vandais for a letter of intent to sell. Penny Newbury seconded the motion and passed unanimously. Bob Johnson will request the letter of intent to sell from Mr Vandais. A D- survey will be conducted by Survey Associates of Brooklyn. Motion by Penney Newbury and seconded by Phoebe Huang and unanimously approved. Two appraisals are needed as state funding will be applied for this property. These will be done by Platt Associates of Thompson and Stewart Appraisers of Tolland. Phoebe Huang made the motion and Penny Newbury seconded it. Voted and passed unanimously.

Invasive plant of the month: Colt's Foot –Round or heart shaped leave, flowers yellow and have the look of a dandelion. Found in sun or shade and likes limey, damp disturbed areas. It spreads by rhizomes and seed dispersal and is on the likely invasive list. (Mr. Stanley Crawford in audience noted the invasive plant workshop on April 21, 2012 at Goodwin State Forest.)

Budget for 2012-2013: A request of \$30,000 for open space fund and \$500 for Hampton Conservation Commission. Penny Newbury made the motion and Phoebe Huang seconded, approved unanimously.

Availability of the National Resource Recovery Conservation Services information about maps, etc was presented by Randy Thompson.

A special meeting of Hampton Conservation Commission on Open Space by Pomfret's Town Government Group to be held Thursday, March 29,2012 at 7:00PM.

Green Valley Institute's information was presented by Wayne Kilpatrick. GVI would like to document all the towns' greenways, blueways, etc. They would like to have the towns all working together to preserve open space.

Communication: Randy Thomson read a letter dated in January requesting attendance at a Conservation Easement workshop to be held. Marcia Kilpatrick reported that the workshop had been cancelled for the time being.

Meeting ended at 8:29 PM