

Hampton Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting Wednesday September 20, 2023 6:30 PM Town Hall Meeting Room
MINUTES

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chair Mark Samios. Members present: Bruce Spaman, Marcia Kilpatrick, Ev Hyde, Stan Crawford, Kevin Grindle, Marc Cardwell. Members Absent: Karen Hamilton, Penny Newbury.
Audience members present: Selectman John Tillinghast, Kathy Thompson.

Audience for citizens: None

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (August 16, 2023)

Motion made and seconded (Marcia/Ev) to approve the minutes. Approved.

Additions to the Agenda: None

Old Business

Little River Updates

- Kevin continued the workshop to create a master/management plan for the property. The group briefly reviewed the SWOT analysis which was completed at the August meeting and decided to first focus on the property's Opportunities.
- These opportunities will be broken down into short (0-3yrs), medium (4-10yrs) & long (11+yrs) term goals. These goals will be used to complete the master plan and substantiate future funding requests.
- The group discussed the need for regular property maintenance and agreed that volunteer efforts are critical to have but can't be the sole source of maintenance on this property. John T. agreed to discuss this maintenance need with the Selectmen.
- Marc spoke with the Antiquarian Society and updated the group on the seven former mills on this portion of the river.
- There are no updates on the STEAP application requesting funds to cover the cost of the ADA boardwalk and parking lot.
- Kevin will ask the Town planner to make an application to the NDDB to determine what type of protected species are on the property.
- The group noted that volunteer hours are still being tracked and these hours need to be forwarded to Penny, who's tracking this time.
- Kevin shared the UConn MAGIC web link for the State's 1934 aerial photographs and the group compared the 1934 and 2019 aerials for the Little River Property.
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/aaad6f9df80048f38e43024199a9f086/?draft=true&org=UConnCLEAR>

Knotweed:

Marcia requested assistance from members to clear (weed whack) knotweed on Parker Road.

Pollinator Pathways

Marcia again urged everyone to sign up on the CT website. The UConn Plant Conference (11/3) main theme this year is pollinators.

Signs/Kiosk

Stan notified the members that he has completed the construction of the kiosk and Public Works has made concrete and riprap stone available for the kiosk's installation. Installation will be coordinated between Stan/Bruce & Public Works.

New Business

Fall festival: The group discussed setup and staffing of the tent, presentation materials & displays. Kevin will provide the 24"x36" maps that have been used for the master plan discussions along with blank boards & easels for displays by others.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kevin Grindle