

HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
January 25, 2011

Meeting called to order by Chairman Wayne Kilpatrick at 7:31 p.m..

Also present: Marcia Kilpatrick, Randy Thompson, Dan Meade, Bob Johnson and Joann Freeman.

Dan Meade seated for Phoebe Huang.

Audience: Kate Donnelly spoke about identifying discontinued and active town roads. She referred to a recent meeting in Chaplin at which Jerry Stefan, a deed researcher spoke. She also communicated with Hampton's town lawyer Rich Roberts and it was decided that a meeting with Mr. Stefan be arranged for Hampton to discuss this topic.

#### Old Business

1. Planned walks in town will hopefully resume in March.
2. Regarding the Loisselle property on Rte. 97 and Parker roads: two walks entering from both roads indicate that a portion of the property isn't really developable. Mr. Loisselle is asking \$400,000 for this 160 acres. Joshua's Trust has expressed an interest in walking the parcel to access if they are interested in the land. It has been determined that that this is important habitat for 2 declining bird species, woodcock and grouse. Preservation would add to an established disconnected greenway.
3. Edwards property update: Mike Vadnais, son of the late Rita Edwards, has been contacted regarding his interest in selling the 50 acre lot to the State of Ct. if the state can and is interested in purchasing. He is and has filled out part of an application we sent to him for pertinent information with the rest coming from town hall records. The commission was granted permission by Mr. Vadnais to walk the property which will happen when weather and ground conditions permit. Once done the application process will continue.
4. Wayne submitted an article to the Hampton Gazette about the conservation easement incentive tax extension for the February 2011 publication. Dan or Randy may do one for March and Joann will write one for April.
5. Wayne checked on any impending state grants on the DEP website and found none at this time for 2011.
6. Advocate/HCC meeting: There is interest on both party's to have a joint meeting in the near future to explore how we can help each other. Phoebe will help set this up.
7. State DEP employee's Rick Jacobson and, later, Paul Ruthbart responded to the letter sent by Wayne regarding the terrible erosion taking place along the Little River. Fallen trees are the problem. Someone from the department will look into this. They stated that they may or may not clear away the trees.

**New Business:**

1. Wayne sent a letter to Mr. Darrigan who owns property between Sand Hill Rd. and Drain St. with the C.E. incentive tax information. There has been no response. Mr. Darrigan is believed to have moved to Florida and wishes to sell the 500 acres he owns here. He's asking a little over \$3 million dollars. Tom Gaines approached Kate and Wayne about the town paying Darrigan to put an easement on the property. Further discussion to follow.

2. Joshua's Trust has asked if we could help attract more members. Annual dues are \$10.00. It was suggested that they submit an article to the Hampton Gazette.

**Town Related Business:**

The next Consortium Meeting is next Monday January 31, 2011 at the Extension Service, Brooklyn, Ct. Will start at 7 p.m.. Charlotte Pyle will present on Invasives.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Submitted by Joann Freeman, recording secretary