

Hampton Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday February 19, 2025, 6:30 PM
Town Hall Meeting Room

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:30

Members present: Mark Samios, Marc Cardwell, Penny Newbury, Marcia Kilpatrick, Bruce Spaman. Selectmen present: John Tillinghast, Al Cahill

Seating of Alternates: none needed

Audience for citizens: none

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (January 15, 2025) (Marcia/Marc)

Additions to the Agenda: Bruce's letter re: Arbor Day

Old Business

Motion made to put Bruce's letter re: Arbor Day from Communications to first item in Old Business (Mark/Marcia), Approved

- Bruce wants to put a letter in the *Neighbors* publication about the Arbor Day celebration (Ev/Mark) approved.
- Little River Project Update - Kevin Grindle presented the engineering survey and field topography plan/map of the LRP that shows the grades from the parking lot to the boardwalk to the water so that an ADA- accessible boardwalk can be constructed. HCC has to decide what type of surface to make the pathway. Issues with stone dust were discussed. Kevin stated that they could design a pavement system that supports a tractor. Kevin will have a conceptual design to review in detail next month.
- Eagle Scout Project Paperwork – Mark referenced the need for Jonah to provide a list of hours worked by his crew for the LRP project. Marc will follow up with him.
- Tree project at LRP—Marcia asked about the vine cutting referenced at the last meeting. No progress to date; waiting for better weather.
- Road to Trails—Ev: no progress to report.

New Business

- Bird Houses - How many, @ what cost each installed, How will they be cleaned/maintained. Marcia investigated with Scouts; there are a few who were interested. Marcia will talk to Andy about the types and numbers when he does the bird count. Discussion re: construction, maintenance, interest, etc.
- Bird Blind – Mark passed around a plan done by a person who proposed to build one. HCC found that the plan was inadequate for our needs. Ev will research a better design and send it to the HCC before the next meeting to review. Discussion re: getting bids for the job and asking some local builders. Bid has to be in within the next 45 days, so that HCC can go before the Board of Finance.
- Dirt Pile – Al reported that he moved the pile to a storage location until the Town and the HCC decide what to do with it.

- Budget: Committed costs were reviewed as well as the proposed 25/26 budget. Minor line items changes were made to 2 items. Members were given assignments as to specific line items.
- Discussion re: reinstating the \$10,000 request for open space preservation and commenting on how it was denied for the past few years. HCC discussed establishing the list of open space priorities and the evaluation list that was used to rate them.

Communications: none

Audience for Citizens: none

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Penny Newbury, Secretary