

Hampton Conservation Commission
Wednesday June 19, 2024, 6:30 PM, Hampton Town Hall
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 by Chair Mark Samios. Members present: Bruce Spaman, Marcia Kilpatrick, Marc Cardwell, Ev Hyde, Kevin Grindle, Penny Newbury. Alternate: Marc Cardwell. Selectmen present: John Tillinghast, Allan Cahill.

Audience for Citizens: The 1st selectman discussed the progress on the gate installation at the Preserve. Both he and the Chair will contact the installer Thursday.

Motion made (Hyde, Kilpatrick) to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Approved.

Additions to the Agenda: 7-lot conservation subdivision on Reilly Rd; Last Green Valley brochure

Old Business

- Little River Update: Kevin announced there will be a mandatory webinar for DEEP grantees on 6/27; he, Mark and Al will attend, and he will send the link to the HCC.
- LRP future goals discussed: possible creation of a natural resource inventory and map.
- Marking remaining trails: The HCC received direction from the Town that it should place appropriate signage on all trails and roads that are considered trails. Discussion as to the exact wording of the sign. Example: "This trail is maintained by the Hampton Conservation Commission. PLEASE: No motorized vehicles. Respect the abutting property owners—stay on the trail. Keep dogs on leashes. Clean up after your pet."
- Signage for the Preserve is at the printers. Kevin will create a map for the opposite side of the kiosk.
- Trail maintenance was discussed.
- Budget/Project Planning: Discussion regarding the need to make sure that timber rail fencing, gate, etc. is paid for before 6/30.

New Business

- 2024/25 budget: The HCC was approved for \$17,375 of its request; maintenance was not included in this allocation. The Commission is tasked to come up with a list of priorities for which to use the funds.
- Commission membership: Mark reviewed the list that the Town Clerk has. Until the Ordinance Committee meets, there are still 5 members and 2 alternates on the HCC. The public is encouraged to come to meetings and volunteer, however.

Additions to the Agenda:

- Conservation Subdivision: The proposal was discussed; Kevin reported that plans were submitted in the land use office and a PZC public hearing is scheduled for July 15. Definition of conservation subdivision was given.
- LGV brochure: Marcia recommended that we include something in it for their next publication.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15

Respectfully Submitted,

Penny Newbury, Secretary