

Planning and Zoning Commission
Special Meeting
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Special Meeting

Chair Grindle called the special meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Present were: Chair Kevin Grindle, Gary DeCesare, Sue Hochstetter, Ev Hyde and Randy Thompson. Also present were Alternates Gloria Langer, Ann Grenier, and Staff Member Martha Fraenkel. Wayne DeCarli was absent.

Old Business

1. Discussion: PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT 2016/ Open Space Section

Thompson distributed a Conservation Commission document from approximately 40 years ago that outlined the goals for the Town of Hampton.

The Commission discussed the Open Space Section of the Plan. Chair Grindle asked members to focus on goals, actions, and implementations. The following points were discussed:

- Goals should be kept broad, with an emphasis on actions.
- Commission considered open space as it relates to recreation. DEP limits to passive recreation. There is a separate recreation section where the use of atvs and four wheelers should be discussed. Section should reflect the importance of providing recreation to town residents.
- One goal for the section should be to define Open Space.
- Another goal for the section would be to develop a plan for applying for grants.
- Discussion was had regarding how properties were selected for open space preservation. The Commission felt it was important to place value on recreation, diversity of the natural habitat in Hampton, and cultural significance. Conservation Commission should develop criteria.
- A specific goal to “develop guidelines for management of open space” was discussed. Conservation Commission involvement is needed. This also included having a comprehensive inventory of what the town has.
- Protection and management was considered, including the differences between public and private owned spaces.
- Another goal added was forming a definition of how money can be spent to purchase an easement.
- Under actions and implementations, assign digital mapping to planning and zoning and address open space that’s not protected were updated.
- Thompson made updates/corrections to the list of town-owned Open Space.

Communications

Tabled.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Imre, Recording Secretary