

Hampton Conservation Commission
Minutes of the regularly scheduled
meeting of 28 August, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Chairman R. Thompson at 7:05 pm.

Also present were Linda Gorman, Deb Barton, Marcia Kilpatrick, and Phoebe Huang. Absent were Penny Newbury, Wayne Kilpatrick, Bob Johnson and Everett Hyde. Linda Gorman and Deb Barton were seated for Bob Johnson and Penny Newbury.

Additions to the agenda:

1. Postemski property on Old King's Highway.
2. Trailwood.
3. Tree grants.

Acceptance of last month's minutes. Minutes of the July, 2012 meeting were accepted.

Audience for citizens. None

Old Business:

1. Vadnais/Edwards property. We may not know until November about our grant application. We can start planning for promoting it by telling interested people of our plans, and inviting walks of the property with them. A town meeting plan will have to be developed for promotion if/when the State accepts our application.
2. Build-Out. Information from WINCOG was passed out showing an example of Columbia's build-out, done in 2002. This is similar to what we would consider. Chairman Thompson is working on contacting UCONN for help.
3. Vacancy to fill. Phoebe is leaving, and there will be an opening on the Commission for an alternate member. Anyone interested should let us know.
4. Invasive plant of the month. Wineberry. From Japan and China. It likes wet areas, and has just been found in our town center.

New Business:

1. Conn. plan of conservation and development. The State has put out a draft of the new plan, by towns. Each town has until 05 October to make written comments. A map was shown where the State thinks Hampton's village development area should be.
2. Conn. Environmental Review Teams. Material was sent to us and presented at the meeting. There are groups of professionals from a variety of regional and local agencies that help municipalities in reviewing sites proposed for development or preservation.
3. WINCOG GIS. The open space shown on WINCOG's maps for Hampton is incorrect or missing in some instances. They have asked us to update the map as we know it, and pass this on to them.
4. Postemski property. Marcia K. mentioned it was purchased by people in town.
5. Trailwood. The Conn. Audubon may want to apply for a STEAP grant to improve some things at Trailwood. May seek HCC support.
6. Tree Grants. Selectman M. Chapel provided information on State grants for buying and planting trees in town.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

R. Thompson