

Hampton Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Chairperson S. Joann Freeman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Also present for the Commission were: Robert Burgoyne, Wayne Kilpatrick, Randy Thompson, Penny Newbury and alternates Dan Meade and Marcia Kilpatrick.

Item 1: Audience for Citizens: none.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes: Burgoyne noted a typo-error in “Communications”—PZC Meeting changed to 5-29-08, not 5-22-08. Minutes approved by general consensus with correction.

Item 3: Additions to the Agenda:

New Business:

1. ERT Report to BOS regarding Town Garage site.
2. Membership status.

Item 4: Old Business:

- 4.1: Natural Resource Map Project, cont.,** Much discussion about the map and resulting values. Freeman to contact Mike Ashtel for explanation.
- 4.2: Consortium Proposal:** Wayne Kilpatrick indicated that letters had been sent to the fifteen Windham County Towns.
- 4.3: New Chairperson:** Freeman had indicated that she would not continue as chair. Wayne Kilpatrick would consider the position with some general changes to the operation of the Commission: 1) election of a Vice Chair to run meetings when chair is absent, 2) more formal responsibilities spelled out for members including, 3) individual responsibilities assigned for each meeting. Discussion ensued
- 4.4: Budget Questions:** Burgoyne explained the misunderstanding concerning the Selectmen including \$100,000 in the five year plan for the year 2008-09. It appeared that this was to be new money transferred from the reserve account. Not so. It was merely a hypothetical expenditure of the funds already set aside in the Open Space account. What it might have been intended to be spent on remains unclear as the Commission has no current prospects for land purchase and the sum would clearly be inadequate to fund any reasonable purchase with individual building lots (2 acres) selling for nearly \$100,000 each at present. The Selectmen, however, did

allocate \$100,000 from the reserve account to decrease the mil rate for the fiscal year 2008-09 by approximately one-half mil.

- 4.5: Update Newcity Subdivision Application for Drain Street:** PZC will hold a public hearing on this subdivision on Monday, June 23, 2008 at 7:30 PM.

Item 5: New Business

- 5.1: ERT Report on Town Garage site:** Meade reported that the report delivered to the BOS by WinCog's Jana Butts was quite negative; essentially saying that once all requirements had been met there would be little space left for useful development. Meade questioned repeated assertions of pending fines from OSHA and suggested obtaining, by freedom of information request if necessary, copies of all communications between OSHA and the Town for the past three years. He also suggested obtaining copies of any legal opinions rendered to the town with respect to the suitability/non-suitability of the Donahue proposal site (ten acres at the transfer station site) for purchase as site for the town garage. This site is the only remaining available site left from those recommended to the BOS in February, 2007 by the then Town Garage Committee (besides the now questionable proposed site at the Elementary School).

- 5.2: Commission Membership status:** With members recently resigning and being added and others switching regular and alternate statuses it appeared unclear who was what. The accounting seems to be as follows:

Regular Members: Six Authorized

Term expires:

S. Joann Freeman, Chair	July, 2008
Robert Burgoyne, Secretary	July, 2008
Randy Thompson	January, 2009
Wayne Kilpatrick	October, 2009
Penny Newbury	November, 2009
-vacancy-	

Alternates: Three Authorized

Dan Meade	July, 2009
Marcia Kilpatrick	March, 2010
-vacancy-	

Members of the commission expressed the following preferences for continued service.

S. Joann Freeman, re-appointment as an alternate

Robert Burgoyne, re-appointment as an alternate
Dan Meade, appointment as a regular member
Marcia Kilpatrick, appointment as a regular member.

Chairperson Freeman will review the situation with the Town Clerk and the BOS.

Item 6: Communications: Freeman distributed communications.

Item 7: Other Business:

7.1: July Meeting: Freeman indicated that there would be no meeting in July if there was no new business. She will inform the Town Clerk as the date approaches.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Burgoyne, Recording Secretary