

Town of Hampton
Conservation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, October 20, 2021 - 6:30 PM
Hampton Town Hall Pavilion
MINUTES

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Chair Mark Samios.
Members present: Marcia Kilpatrick, Karen Hamilton, Bruce Spaman.

Members absent: E. Hyde, P. Newbury, P. Cascio

Audience for Citizens: Susan Hochstetter

Approval of Minutes: Minutes not approved due to lack of quorum.

Old Business

- Brush cutting at Hammond Hill property: Tabled as P.Newbury was not present to report.

New Business

- Report from M.Kilpatrick re: Knotweed project progress, Wildones conference on seasonal gardening, usefulness of brushpiles for wildlife, Ash tree 'blonding' as a result of emerald Ash Tree Borer (ALB), benefits of dead 'snag' trees for wildlife, milky spore disease for natural control for mole/vole problems in the landscape.
- Discussion of efficacy of the 2021 Knotweed control project in Hampton vs. chemical control (Round Up)
- B.Spaman also reported that he has discovered 'mile-a-minute' invasive vine on his property and is managing it to control spread. The CT Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) invasive specialist was contacted and reported that this was the first instance of this pest reported in Hampton. Other reports nearby are Baltic and Sprague.
- HCC Planning Initiative: B. Spaman proposed a format for 5 or 10 year plans for HCC managed properties which would encourage systematic planning for properties that the HCC is responsible for:
 - Inventory: What do we have? Mapping, Open land/forested/wetland, vegetation, invasive species, wildlife, endangered species, trails, agricultural/forestry uses, etc.?
 - Goals: What do we/the Town want these properties to be?
 - Plan: What do we want to do to get from where we are (inventory) to where we want to be (goals)?
 - Discussion of the Town's periodic Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) see the POCD on the Hampton website under the P&Z Commission / Resources link.
 - Concerns were reported regarding possible Windy Hill Rd. trespass and/or private use of the property. This concern was determined to be investigated.
 - Chair M. Samois recommended informational walks of Town properties on Saturdays to familiarize members with lands under HCC care and management.

Communications: There were no communications to report at this time.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.
Motion to adjourn; K.Hamilton, 2nd B.Spaman

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce Spaman
Member