

Hampton Conservation Commission
Wednesday, September October 16, 2019
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Chair Bob Johnson. Members present: Diane Gagnon, Marcia Kilpatrick, Penny Newbury. Absent: Stan Crawford, Pat Cascio, Everett Hyde

Audience for Citizens: None

Additions to the Agenda: None

Approval of Minutes of Meeting of September 18, 2019: (Gagnon/Kilpatrick) moved to approve minutes. Approved.

Old Business

Reports from Commissions:

Penny reported that she gave a copy of the invasives poster to the Selectmen at their last meeting; they approved it and said they would post it. [note: it did not seem to be posted] 10/21 BoF meeting solely devoted to the purchase of a bucket truck for the Town to do its own tree removal. Town meeting to follow on as-yet unspecified date. No other reports.

Site Walk: new date: 11/2 at 9AM with the First Selectman. It will be open to the public. Bob will send notice of the walk to the Gazette.

Pollinator Field: The sign is up. Many thanks to Ev Hyde and Stan Crawford for supplying the wood and making the sign. Penny will ask Gay Wagner if we can take the sedums out of pots by the field and plant them, to protect them in the winter.

Hiking Brochure Update: Bob has finished the final draft and will email it this week to all members for final edits. He will ask the Town to print 200 copies for Town Hall and Library. Discussion about putting it in the Gazette but there was not enough time this month before publication.

Mapping: Postponed until next meeting, where it will be the only agenda item. Bob and Stan will have all material gathered that the Town possesses.

Elections Discussion: Bob and Stan worked with the Town Clerk to find a definition of Officers' Duties for the Conservation Commission but could find none. So the group unanimously decided that a Secretary was not needed for this Commission.

Article on Walks: (not discussed; same as from last meeting) "It was decided to wait after Walktober events to pick a walk from the Hiking brochure and then publicize it. Members agreed that if at all possible, all members should attend these walks also."

New Business

Pollinator Conference Report: Marcia gave a report on the conference, which she said was very useful, and gave an overview of programs:

- Monarchs and how to attract them
- Asters/goldenrod and fall-flowering plants, bees, etc.
- Care of pollinator plants
- Evaluating different types of the best pollinator plants
- Native plants and why cultivars are sometimes less effective
- Marcia also wrote an article about the conference for the November issue of the Gazette.

Invasive Poster of the Month: It was decided that next month's poster would be barberry.

Next Meeting: November 20, 2019. Discussion topic will be **MAPPING**.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Penny Newbury, Secretary