

Hampton Conservation Commission
Wednesday, September 18, 2019
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chair Bob Johnson. Members present: Pat Cascio, Diane Gagnon, Marcia Kilpatrick, Everett Hyde, Penny Newbury. Alternate Present: Stan Crawford.

Audience for Citizens: None

Additions to the Agenda:

Pollinator Conference

WCCC October Meeting

Discussion of election results and definition of duties

Approval of Minutes of Meeting of August 19, 2019: (Hyde/Gagnon) moved to approve minutes with the following corrections/clarifications:

--Stan Crawford, not Marcia Kilpatrick, moved to approve the 6/18/19 minutes.

Old Business

Site Walk: Due to some crossed signals, the planned walk on the newly-purchased property was not held, but the 1st Selectman suggested that we wait until early November for better visibility, and he would like to accompany us. The walk was tentatively planned for November 2 at 10am. Bob will get back to Al Cahill by 9/22 to confirm.

Pollinator Field: Ev Hyde donated the wood and Stan Crawford received Marcia Kilpatrick's text. He will make the sign and then give it to the 1st Selectman to have Public Works put it up.

Hiking Brochure Update: Bob will have the final copy to the group by the next meeting.

Mapping: The HCC needs to continue/update its natural resource inventory based on previously developed criteria or updated criteria. Bob and Stan will meet this month and find all existing maps and documents, including UConn maps and overlays, for review at the next meeting that are related to previous work on prioritizing properties, so that the HCC can have a starting point to continue this. This will be the focal point of the next meeting.

Article on Walks: 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

Reports from members who are on other committees: It was agreed that the agenda have a standing item for members on other committees/commissions to report back to the HCC if there was anything in their meetings that pertained to HCC business or interest. Specifically of interest were PZC, Finance, IWWC, Green Energy, Joshua's Trust, Friends of Goodwin, and Recreation.

To this end, Stan reported that work on the solar farm on Rt 6 would be starting in October.

Pollinator Conference: Motion approved (Crawford/Newbury) to send Marcia Kilpatrick to the pollinator conference at UConn on October 30th. Bob will send Marcia an email approving the request so the Town can issue a check. Additional discussion on developing small interchangeable posters for Town Hall that identify invasive species in Hampton and what people can do about them. Penny will come up with a design for next meeting.

WCCC Meeting: the next meeting is October 30 at 7pm at the Windham County Extension Center, 139 Wolf Den Rd in Brooklyn. Topic of discussion will be cairns in northeast Connecticut.

Elections Discussion: Bob and Stan will look for a copy of the HCC Bylaws to see if there is a definition of officers' duties. The members checked in with the Chair to make sure he was happy with being re-elected and he assured the group that he was, and asked that everyone help keep projects on task.

New Projects

Tabled until the next meeting

Next Meeting: October 16, 2019

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Penny Newbury, Secretary