

Hampton Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday January 18, 2023 6:30 PM
Town Hall Meeting Room
MINUTES

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM by Chair Mark Samios. Members present: Bruce Spaman, Marcia Kilpatrick, Penny Newbury, Marc Cardwell. Absent: Karen Hamilton, Ev Hyde. Audience member present: Kevin Grindle.

Audience for citizens: None

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings (December 21, 2022 and January 4, 2023): Motion made and seconded Bruce/Marc) to approve the minutes. Approved.

Additions to the Agenda

None

Old Business

Hammond Hill Property (Little River Preserve)

Kevin presented a map/plan he developed, outlining where the trails and boardwalk would be located, for submittal as part of the DEEP Recreational Trails grant. Discussion followed regarding costs associated with the boardwalk, and the need to present the plan/application narrative as being completed in phases.

Despite the final costs, the group decided to request the entire amount for all the upgrades, which would amount to a \$40,000 in-kind cost to the town if the entire request were approved.

Kevin will send the revised plan, with additional trail markings as well as line-item cost estimates, to the HCC by next week, for review at the next meeting, but development of the application can proceed now.

Members were urged to collect letters of support from a variety of agencies, organizations and interested parties. Penny will draft a list of bullet points that members can use when requesting letters.

Marc and Penny will work on the narrative.

Budget Request for 2023/24

The HCC budget to the Board of Finance was reviewed and updated. Mark will submit the final budget request to the BoF, with the suggestion that although it should not be a HCC line item, the Town webpage should be updated to allow for a more interactive and informational experience by the public.

New Business

Mark suggested that the HCC renew its work on identifying future desired properties in order to act quickly if they become available.

Audience for Citizens: none

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Penny Newbury, Secretary