

## **Hampton Conservation Commission**

Regular Meeting

Wednesday May 18, 2022 6:30 PM

### **MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 by P.Newbury

Members present: Marcia Kilpatrick, Ev Hyde, Penny Newbury, Bruce Spaman,

Absent: Mark Samios, Karen Hamilton

Stan Crawford seated for Mark Samios. Penny Newbury agreed to lead the meeting.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (4/20/22) tabled until next meeting, as they were not sent out.

#### **Additions to the Agenda—none**

#### **Audience for Citizens:**

Angela Fichter was interested in finding out about what the Commission was doing regarding old, abandoned and discontinued roads in town. She offered to assist Ev Hyde with research as a citizen volunteer. At the next meeting regarding Ev will present an overview of what his mini-subcommittee would like to proceed regarding investigating certain roads for recreational use.

#### **Old Business**

##### **Knotweed project—M. Kilpatrick**

First event this year is June 4. Marcia will be at the Town pavilion with bags at 9:30. She is unsure how many people will show up, as few have responded to publicity and announcements.

Poster was not put up; Marcia will ask the Library to print some and post them. Marcia will also ask Judy Buell to see if 4H can be involved, as well as Green Energy Commission and UConn.

##### **Pollinator project—M. Kilpatrick**

This poster also needs to be copied; Marcia will ask the library to do this as well. This project has no time limit. Marcia also mentioned that “No Mow May” is an event that asks community members not to mow this month so pollinators can propagate. A pollinator article is needed for the Gazette. Penny will send Dayna a copy of the poster for possible publication.

**Arbor Day recap** – B. Spaman: The event was a great success, with many students, parents and organizations in attendance. Bruce thanked HCC for donating \$100 towards the cost of the tree (red oak) that was planted. Eversource once again distributed seedlings. Many town committees and commissions were in attendance, and the students read poems and presented artwork. Bruce hopes that this will be a yearly event.

##### **Hammond Hill Property--B. Spaman**

Bruce spoke with Mark from Trout Unlimited who stated that a biologist could look at the river to provide an informed study of how best to maintain the river part of the property for public use. Discussion followed regarding maintaining the many aspects of the property—agricultural, fishing, wildlife/fish habitat. Stan also mentioned that Dale May might be able to provide some guidance. Stan and Bruce will speak with the First Selectman Friday to find out what the Town’s vision is for the property and to suggest the development of a multi-purpose management plan that protects the property and also provides appropriate public access.

#### **New Business**

##### **Priority Property List—P. Newbury**

Penny showed members a group of maps that depicted various land uses in town, to be placed in the HCC closet with our other documents. She asked members who had previous priority property lists of any age

to present them at the next meeting to see where we stood. Discussion followed regarding who to confer with regarding possible priority projects. Possible invitees to a meeting regarding prioritizing properties included Tom Gaines, Al freeman and Rick Shenk, among others who are long-time residents with knowledge of important tracts and their attributes.

**Communications**—Stan reminded the group of the June 5 Trail Run (5&10k)at Goodwin Forest, and asked for volunteers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Penny Newbury, Secretary