

Hampton Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday January 21, 2026
Town Hall Meeting Room

Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Chair Mark Samios. Members present: Marc Cardwell, Bruce Spaman, Penny Newbury, Absent: Marcia Kilpatrick, Ev Hyde

Audience: John Tillinghast

Seating of Alternates: Kevin for Ev, Marc for Marcia

Audience for Citizens: none

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting, November 19, 2025 **Motion made** (Kevin/Marc). **Approved**

Additions to Agenda: Arbor Day

Old Business

LRP Update:

Kevin gave an update on the progress of the construction schedule. Wood turtle habitat assessment (Quinn Ecological) will be completed by the end of the month. It's a 1-day assessment to determine if appropriate turtle habitat exists. DEEP is also asking that the HCC develop a protection plan during construction if turtles are found (which will be done by the biologist and folded into the RFP). If all goes well, the project may be able to go out to bid at the beginning of March.

Marc began to form a working group to work at the Preserve. Possibly starting in May.

Mark will get info on fish infographic and map signs.

Mark suggested getting a piece of tree for info on counting rings, as an informational interactive sign.

Next Monday: zoom meeting regarding the POCD and the HCC; Kevin will have the link

Additions to the agenda

Arbor Day: Bruce is working with the schools on an idea to "re-green Main Street." Proposal to have an Arbor Day at some part of the DOT right of way on Main Street and possibly plant street trees, creating a type of park on the right of way.

LRP "hand-over:" Discussion of what to do with LRP when the grant is done. Possibility of working with other commissions to maintain and promote activities there.

Plan for the next 2 months: Revisiting the objectives for land preservation, and create new mapping. Integrating the preservation of prime farmland into productive agricultural activities. Kevin will bring a screen to plot some properties on NECCOG's website.

Communications:

Email from Stan Crawford regarding woodland management projects happening in town.

Audience for Citizens: none

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Newbury, Secretary