

Hampton Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 16, 2025, 6:30pm

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by the Secretary, in the absence of the chair.

Members present: Marcia Kilpatrick, Penny Newbury, Marc Cardwell, Bruce Spaman, John Tillinghast, ex officio. Absent: Mark Samios, Kevin Grindle, Ev Hyde.

Minutes of March 2025 **approved** (Marc/Bruce), with Marcia Kilpatrick's name corrected.

Additions: none

Old Business

Arbor Day (April 25): Bruce handed out a flyer to be posted around town, with an agenda of the day te LRP, including trees planted at the LRP in memory of Randy Thompson as well as in honor of the grant from the State of CT DEEP. Tree also being planted at the Town Public Works Department in memory of Dan Meade, former chair of the building committee for that project.

Discussion of possible speakers—Mark Samios or selectman.

Little River Preserve/Engineering Plan:

Kevin has been advised re: the kiosk map of the several labeling errors and will correct them.

Discussion of the placement of the bird blind on the engineering plan left by Kevin for the Commission to review. Also discussion of parking area and position of trees; position of farm gate; question of enough space for ADA vehicle. Questions regarding stone dust trail vs asphalt. Also question re: position of path parallel to road (too far into the field). Marc will discuss these issues with Kevin.

Board of Finance: tabled, due to Chair's absence, although mention was made of the Commission's attendance and presentation.

Tree/Vine trimming (Marc): tabled; will report on this next month.

Bird Houses (Marcia): Scouts have all the wood to make bird houses for the LRP and will probably install them. The Commission needs to supply the base of the boxes. (@\$240). Marcia will tell scouts to tell us when they are ready to begin, and we will procure the bases.

Bird Blind: (Marcia): the Commission reviewed the plan from Kevin. We need to submit the plan with the opening in the back to several contractors. Marcia will submit it to two contractors; the HCC is encouraged to give it to others who may be interested. Proposals should be sent to Mark Samios, but questions should be directed to Marcia.

Roads project (Ev); tabled, due to Ev's absence. Commission reviewed his correspondence. HCC recommends that Ev continue to try and contact the people he wrote to, to receive an answer re: assistance with historic roads converting to trails..

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Penny Newbury, Secretary

