

Hampton Conservation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 6:30 PM  
Town Hall Meeting room  
**Minutes**

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

Seating of Alternates: Marc Cardwell, Kevin Grindle

Audience for Citizens: none

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (April 16, 2025) motion made (Kevin/Marc) to approve.

Approved.

Additions to Agenda: none

### **Old Business**

**LRP Update** – Kevin presented updated plans for the Little River Preserve, showing where the paved paths would be, to allow for a) farm vehicles to not tear up the main road to right before the culvert, and b) allowing for ADA access parallel to the road to the first river opening, with a landing pad for ADA fishing. Materials for the 10x20' pad were discussed, as well as durability (compacted free-draining surface with pavement). Kevin will design the pad.

Next steps: soil boring so the foundation of the boardwalk plans can be completed. Also GPS locations of 5 entrances to the river. Based on bidding time and review, construction may start in September/October. Project completion by spring 2026.

**Grass Cutting** – Marc will call Wayne again to get the grass cut; it is overdue.

**Vine Clearing** – Marc will send a volunteer request for a work party first week in June. He told the group that if they'd like to do some cutting in the meantime, they are free to do so.

**Budget** – Mark: the HCC does not have an answer from the BoF for the upcoming year yet.

**Cohantic Ledges Land Clearing** – Marc will contact Keith Crawford again to get a bid. Penny and Mark will also call.

### **New Business**

**Fence** – Marcia suggested a fence (or rocks) from the driveway to the bridge to prevent vehicles from accessing from the other parts of the road. Discussion of current ATV traffic and the need to block from another direction as well.

**Trees:** Marcia suggests moving a recently planted tree to another location, as it is inappropriate in its current site. Marc will talk to Bruce about an alternate placement.

**Bird Houses** – Marcia has not heard from Scouts yet; she will check again but it will probably be done for next year. The Chair reminded the HCC that we have no funds in the budget for this.

**Bird Blind Quote/Contract and Quote (\$3,500): Motion made** to have a bird blind on the property (Mark/Kevin). Approved. **Motion made** to accept the quote and plan, to be built before July 1 (Mark/Kevin). Approved. Decision to place the blind on the SW side of the pond at a location agreed upon by the HCC. Marcia will meet with the contractor and show him where the blind will go; he requires 50% before the job starts. Mark will get a check for 50% from the Town. Marcia will pick up the check tomorrow and bring it to him and tell him he needs to complete it by July 1.

### **Communications**

**Audience for Citizens:** none

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Penny Newbury, Secretary