

Hampton Conservation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, July 16, 2025, 6:30 PM  
Town Hall Meeting room  
**Minutes**

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

Seating of Alternates: Marc Cardwell.

Audience for Citizens: none

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (June 18, 2025) motion made (Marcia/Ev) to approve. Approved.

Additions to Agenda: none

**Old Business**

**LRP Update** – Kevin wasn't able to make it but had sent the HCC updated design documents, which are 90% complete. Some adjustments were made to the road to the river. Missing: specs on what the soil borings will show re: the depth of the boardwalk pilings. BoS have to approve the plan to do the borings. John said they could put it on the agenda for August.

Mark suggested to ask Kevin at a special meeting what he needs for us to move forward. Mark will call Kevin and ask when he's available.

**Calendar:** Marc C. reported that retired state archaeologist will come next Wednesday 7/23 at 11am to look at the LRP dam, as a precursor to the Walktober event in October, to determine if the dam is historic enough to warrant a stop on the walk.

**Land clearing, vine cutting, grass cutting, etc.** – Marc reports that the mowing is being taken care of, and Mark will call Keith C. to tell him to do the work soon,

**LRP Tree:** Mark reported that Bruce confirmed that the tree that was diseased was removed. It will be replaced and Kevin will be consulted.

**Pollinators:** Marcia reported that they had been cut by the parking area and should be left alone when possible.

**Bird Blind:** has been constructed and installed. People seem to like it.

**Hay Field:** Discussion of overgrown hay and timeline for it to be cut. HCC will re-negotiate the contract when it is renewed to reserve to lower milkweed area intact.

**New Business**

**2025/26 Budget** – Mark: We were approved for @ \$11,053. Need to decide what to spend it on. Needs to include grass cutting, brush cutting/maintenance (@\$4,500 for both), Arbor Day items (\$200), legal fees for road investigation, conference fees, trail maintenance at Edwards Preserve. John will ask public works to clear the parking area there. Penny will ask Stan if he's interested in continuing to maintain those trails. Road investigation and attorney request discussed more fully, with information to be provided by next meeting.

**Communications:** Bruce reported that the Harvest Festival is September 27. HCC should think about having a booth, with maps etc. Marc will ask Kevin if he can make large copies of the LRP maps.

**Audience for Citizens:** none

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Penny Newbury, Secretary