

Hampton Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 18, 2024, 6:30pm

Minutes

Members present: Mark Samios, Marcia Kilpatrick, Penny Newbury, Marc Cardwell , Kevin Grindle (alternate), Ev Hyde, Bruce Spaman

Audience: none

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

Abbreviated Minutes of 11/20/2024 **approved** (Mark/Marc).

Additions: Divine time to De-Vine our Forest: Marcia

Motion made (Kevin/Marcia) to move the proposed subdivision (in New Business) to the first item.
Approved.

Old Business

LRP Eagle Scout project: Future Eagle Scout Jonah Mylenic presented his plan for the walkways to the river, as well as the budget/materials list. He received a grant/discount for \$250 from Thivent towards the cost of the lumber/hardware, bringing the total to \$1,956.31. The Commission reviewed his proposed drawings and asked questions about support, posts to go in the ground, etc. Commission asked him if he had another bid; he responded that he had asked two other vendors for quotes. Members also asked that he provide copies of his notes, drawings, etc. and provide a more detailed drawing of the walkways. The Chair also asked him to provide a budget outlining what materials, food, etc were going to cost.

Jonah stated that he wanted to start construction on December 28, but missing materials and other factors made this impossible.

Due to the cost of the lumber, the Commission requested that Jonah get a second quote for lumber, and follow up with the other companies. It would then consider awarding him the entire amount.

Motion made (Mark/Marc) to rescind the previous motion made to award Jonah \$900 towards the project. **Unanimously approved.**

Motion made (Mark/Marcia) to fund the project, not to exceed \$2,000, provided that Jonah emails the appropriate documents (original and revised estimate from the lumber company, project budget, timeline, and project plan) to the Chair before noon on December 19, who will then submit them to the Town treasurer. **Passed, with 1 abstention.** The Commission recommended that Jonah talk to someone in the building department regarding construction techniques.

Letter to Wayne Henri

Marc will send the letter to Wayne, signed by the Chair

Little River project update—Kevin Grindle

Kevin went over the proposal from Barton & Loguidice to Tyche Planning (contracted with the Town for services) to subcontract for professional engineering consulting services at the Little River Preserve.

Motion made (Mark/Marc) to accept the scope of work as presented and recommend the proposal to the Selectmen for approval. **Approved unanimously.**

New Business

Dirt Pile at the Little River

Discussion regarding the good soil at the LRP, removed from the pond when it was dug. Suggestion from the 1st Selectman to preserve it. Discussions regarding what to do with the excess soil. **Motion made (Ev/ Marc)** to table the discussion and recommend to the BoS that no action be taken regarding the pile until the boardwalk is completed, and then a decision will be made. **Approved unanimously.**

Discussion of easement purchases: Marc advised that we should wait for the time being.

2025/26 Budget: Mark asked for suggestions as to what to purchase.

Marcia: invasive vine cutting project, hiring a contractor to do this, especially at the LRP. Marc said he would investigate if a group he knows would do it. Discussion regarding the non-feasibility of having this done by volunteers; recommended at least \$5,000 for vine cutting

Ev: education, conferences: \$500

Cohantic tree removal \$2,500

Bird Observation platform: \$3,000

Bruce: Arbor Day: \$300

Bruce also will invite someone to the next meeting to talk about creating copy to put on the website regarding the LRP.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Penny Newbury, Secretary