

Hampton Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday October 15, 2025
Town Hall Meeting Room

Minutes

Call to Order

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

Audience: John Tillinghast, Selectman, Members of Scout troops 93 and 1093 to view a town meeting for their merit badge in sustainability.

Seating of Alternates: Kevin for Ev

Audience for Citizens: none

Additions to the Agenda: Bittersweet at LRP

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting, September 17, 2025 **Motion made** (Marcia/Kevin).

Approved

Old Business

LRP Quarterly Report: The Commission worked on the report. Still to obtain: some paid bills to submit, and volunteer hours from HCC and the Town DPW since 2022. The report will cover the period from June 1, 2024 to October 31, 2024.

Kevin gave an update on the progress of the construction schedule, providing estimated timeline for activities culminating in final paving in spring 2026.

Additions to the agenda

Bittersweet: Marcia found a person (Marek Quackenboss) to cut the bittersweet from the parking lot to the bridge, and from the bridge down to the 2nd cut into the river. Will cost \$400-500 or \$40/hour per person. 5 hours, 2 people. This will save the trees but will not remove the bittersweet completely—it will have to be maintained from now on instead of allowing it to get out of control and kill trees. HCC was advised that we do it in winter (January). **Kevin made a motion** to approve the job for \$40/hour, total job not to exceed \$400; **Marcia second. Approved.** Marcia will notify the contractor.

Communications

Penny reported that the Friends of Goodwin have been allowed back in the forest again to do some maintenance, so they won't be available to act as a HCC trails subcommittee at the moment, but they'll still be assisting with the Edwards property.

Discussion re: a monthly LRP update for the *Gazette*. Mark will ask Marc Cardwell to write this, and provide an update each month.

Discussion re: the Walktober walk at the Little River Preserve with the Historical Society and Nick Bellantoni; concern regarding the ability to do much hiking through brush due to various injuries.

Audience for Citizens : Kevin asked the scouts to comment on the meeting and what was discussed, and members gave short overviews of why/how they joined.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Newbury, Secretary