

**Hampton Conservation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 6:30pm

**Minutes**

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

**Audience Members present:** John Tillinghast, Stan Crawford

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm

**Minutes of 3/21:** absent due to lack of quorum.

**Additions:**

Creation of poster for lesser celandine

**Audience for Citizens:** none

**Old Business**

**Little River Update and Grant Application**

no word from DEEP yet; will hear beginning of May

**2023/24 Budget, and projects planning**

we have \$12,000+ in budget to spend before 6/30/24.

Projects to still do: gate, fencing around parking area.

Parking lot is still under construction.

Gate and posts: 2,500 @ 2 8-foot sections and steel posts

6,500 for a fence from parking lot to brook to act as a guardrail

Town will install both

Also need signage

Discussion of how to surface the parking lot area as well as the H/C walkway—should it be stone dust or concrete, for stability

The Commission suggested the Town purchase the gate, posts and fence and submit a bill to HCC who will pay it from their budget.

Additional project: downy shadblow: \$315 for Arbor Day

**Rules signage:** Marc Cardwell suggested language, including dogs on a leash, horses prohibited.

Penny will look at Signs Plus for costs and size have a draft of both signs by May 15 (next meeting).

Need to prioritize the order of the rules. ( Dogs must be on a leash at all times. Horses and motorized vehicles prohibited.)

**2024/25 Budget:** BoF has not responded to HCC's budget submittal; they are still reviewing everything.

**Roads Project and Citizen Complaint:** HCC discussed the Jericho Road trail and concerns about private property. Ev suggested an article for the next issue of the Gazette instructing the public as to the legality the right to pass on discontinued town roads. Need to let the town know that reviewing old roads is an

ongoing project: the re-use of antique roads as trails. The HCC recommended that the Selectman should speak to the complainant directly.

**Lesser Celandine:** Marcia suggested the HCC do a wanted poster re: this invasive.

EV reported on attending the 40<sup>th</sup> annual land conservation conference. Attended session on legal history of trails, a legislative session, affordable housing workshop, and CT Trail Finders. He will write up a brief article for the Gazette.

Stan reported that the state is now developing its 5 year POCD.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Penny Newbury, Secretary