

Hampton Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm by Chair Randy Thompson. Other members present: Linda Gorman (seated for Deb Barton), Penny Newbury. The Chair welcomed new alternate, Stan Crawford, who was seated for Ev Hyde.

Selectman Mike Chapel was also in attendance.

Minutes of 12/23/14 were approved (Stan/Randy).

Audience for Citizens: none

Old business: work on the DEEP land acquisition application for the 6.5 acre parcel on Old Town Pound Road that had been part of the Maurice Edwards Estate.

The Chair reported that the appraisal that HCC commissioned came in at \$35,000. The current Owners Cory Fernandez (Estabrook Rd) and Melissa Edwards (granddaughters of Maurice Edwards) agreed to pay the back taxes on the property and sell it for \$45,000.

The BoS will take care of the purchase and sales agreement through their attorney and then the 1st Selectman will sign on behalf of the town. Bob Johnson will conduct the title search, as he did last year.

The BoS will call a special meeting (possibly Thursday) to draw up a resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds for the project. Copies of all resolutions, agreements and other documents are on file from last year's Edwards grant application and can be used as templates.

Letters of support need to come from IWWA, PZC, the Ag Commission and NECCOG. Randy will collect all these letters; Stan will help IWWA formulate a letter stating that there are no wetlands on the property, which is the extent of the commission's ability to support this particular application. Martha Frankel will give the Chair the PZC's letter by Feb. 23rd.

Members present worked on the wording of the application. Penny will type it up and send it to all members for comment by February 16.

Randy has obtained all the other documents including maps and D survey.

New Business: none

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Newbury, member HCC