

Hampton IWWA Minutes
Special Meeting – May 16, 2012
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The Special Meeting of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency was held on Wednesday, May 16, 2012.

Chairman Crawford called the Meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Present for the Board: Stanley Crawford, Chairman; Martin Mlyniec, Secretary; Muriel Miller; Perry Matchinis. Absent: Marlene Aulten and Dave Goodrich.

Staff and Others Present: Dayna McDermott-Arriola, Recording Secretary; Conservation Commission Members Randy Thompson, Chairman, and Penny Newbury.

**Item 1: Discuss and Act on Conservation Commission Request for Agency
Endorsement of Town Purchase of Vadnais Property Adjoining Goodwin
State Forest**

Chairman Crawford distributed a document from the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection on Open Space Grant Funding for Municipalities and Land Conservation Groups. He also distributed a map of the property.

Agency members questioned the amount of acreage, the cost of the property and the cost to the Town.

Conservation Commission Chairman Thompson said that the property, approximately 50 acres, will cost approximately \$210,000. The commission is waiting for the second appraisal to be completed for a final figure. Thompson said that a survey would be conducted if the town approved the purchase to determine the exact amount of acreage. The Commission expects the state to fund 65% of the purchase, if the grant is approved. The Town has \$200,000 in its open space account. According to Thompson, the property meets the State's criteria for the grant. If approved, the property would be used for passive recreation.

Conservation Commission member Newbury explained the process of the grant application and the reason for the request for endorsement from the Inland Wetlands Agency. According to Newbury, the Department of Environmental Protection encourages review of a proposed property by Agencies to see if its use falls within the mandate to protect wetlands.

Motion: Martin Mlyniec, seconded by Perry Matchinis, authorizing Chairman Crawford to write a letter endorsing the application for a grant for monies to facilitate the Town purchase of the Vadnais property for open space. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dayna McDermott-Arriola
Recording Secretary