Hampton Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday October 20, 2026
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, Ev Hyde, Bruce Spaman, Penny Newbury, Marcia Kilpatrick, Marc Cardwell (for Bruce Spaman). Absent: Bruce Spaman.

Audience for Citizens: none

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting August 26, 2026. **Motion made** (Ev/Mark). **Approved.**

Additions to Agenda: none

Old Business
LRP Update:
Kevin gave an update re: a follow up draft letter concerning the final documentation per NDDB/Wildlife, requesting that NDDB put on the record in writing that they blocked the application, so then we can officially fight them. Then the Bureau of Recreation can say to Wildlife, you cannot do this; we are a grant awardee and their recommendation has no basis. Marc talked to Sen. Gordon, who is meeting with the DEEP Commissioner re: this issue as well as others. Kevin believes that this process will go on for several months. The Bureau Chiefs of Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation need to come to an understanding.
Kevin will finalize the map to put up at the kiosk.

POCD Discussion
Marc discussed his revisions of the HCC's portion of the POCD, and the members weighed in with their suggestions, using the ordinance establishing the Hampton Conservation Commission as a guide.

Property List/Matrix
The members each shared a list of their 3 top priorities in town that they felt needed protecting, for group discussion.

New Business
Property proposal
In August, Bruce mentioned a resident interested in selling a piece of property (2.6 acres) with some colonial industrial history, waterfalls, pond, and which the Little River runs through. Discussion regarding whether or not the property is in danger of development (unlikely; the property is protected by its wetlands/pond/river).
Mark and Penny visited the property and spoke with the owner, who was interested in memorializing her husband's work on that property. They discussed options with the owner. HCC discussed the advantages and challenges of owning this property. Property borders the river, property may be a donation. Challenges: the maintenance of the property in the state it's in, and figuring the value to the community. Discussion regarding possibly working with the owner to place an easement on that piece of property, or helping the owner find an appropriate/abutting buyer.

Maintenance of owned projects
Discussion regarding Hampton properties that require routine maintenance and the need to have some more responsibility (and resources) for them. Mark will contact the selectmen regarding a historian/tribal member/state archaeologist who can find out where exactly the Nipmuck path is in town, and its proximity to the Little River (related to the disposition of the Cohantic Ledges easement).

Communications: none

Audience for Citizens: none

Adjournment
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Newbury, Secretary