

**Conservation Commission
Town of Hampton Falls**

**February 11, 2010
6:30 p.m., Town Hall**

Meeting Minutes (FINAL)

Present were Karen Ayers, Conservation Commission Chair; Robert Wiener, Nancy Roka, Julie Williams, David Gandt, Bruce Fabbri, and Bobbi Burns members; Abby Tonry, Administrative Assistant. Absent were J. Ratigan and JP Pontbriand.

Minutes of June 2009 meeting were reviewed. Since a quorum of members present at that meeting can not be reached these minutes will remain in draft form. Minutes of the December 2009 meeting were reviewed with a few spelling changes. R. Wiener made the motion seconded by J. Williams to accept the minutes as amended, passed, unanimous. Minutes of the January 2010 meeting were reviewed with a few spelling/typographical changes. D. Gandt made the motion, seconded by J. Williams to accept the minutes as amended, passed, unanimous.

N. Roka made a motion to pay Seacoast Media Group \$99.12 for publication of the Public Hearing notice for accepting the \$10,000 for the painting, seconded by B. Burns, passed unanimous. D. Gandt made a motion to pay K. Ayers \$34.24 for thank you card copies relating to Raspberry Farm, seconded by B. Fabbri, passed, unanimous. R. Wiener made a motion to pay Upton & Hatfield \$1,209.22 final legal bill pertaining to Raspberry Farm, D. Gandt seconded, passed, unanimous.

K. Ayers stated that Andy Melville is looking for some discharges of old mortgages to record along with the transfer of his marsh land. Mortgages of record should be properly discharged to clear title. However, as the mortgages date back to the 1950's the terms of the promissory notes would have expired so we will proceed with the transfer without the discharges if they cannot be found.

D. Gandt stated that the Marsh Lane Trail Blazers have added a few new volunteers.

JP Pontbriand has written the March newsletter.

N. Roka will write a thank you note to Larry Smith for all his efforts on behalf of the commission.

Earth Day: N. Roka will speak with JP and Rick Pierrro regarding the scouts and their participation in roadside cleanup. The date is Saturday April 17, rain date Sunday April 18 from 9-2. We have plenty of bags, need gloves from FPL Seabrook Station. K. Ayers coordinate with Mark Thompson. We have maps. K. Ayers will ask Larry Smith if the town is interested in the elm trees from Litter-Free New Hampshire. Robert has the banners and will put them up the Sunday before the event. A. Tonry (I believe you have this in electronic form so it can be easily sent) will forward the newspaper article to the paper. K. Ayers will add Roadside Clean-Up and "Curb Day" to the March newsletter article. Curb Day, now known as Give Your Stuff Away day is May 15th.

Discussion followed regarding a conservation e-mail list. For this year we will ask Richard McDermott (Steve Volpone) to send a town wide distribution regarding need for volunteers for roadside cleanup. B. Fabbri offered to present a mockup of the 'Friends of Conservation' e-mail list that we may develop in the future.

January 18th R. Wiener walked the Marsh Lane Preserve and took pictures. He noted that getting people to park in the proper place needs directional arrows. Suggestions included a 1'x1' directional arrow, with a recognizable insignia for the preserve, be placed near the pillars on the driveway. D. Gandt said he would ask the abutter Wakefield for permission to place a sign. K. Ayers stated that creating a brochure that highlights Hampton Falls's accessible open spaces is a high priority of the commission. The brochure will include directions on how to access each property.

Next newsletter: B. Burns and J. Williams will write about invasive species.

K. Ayers stated that she was contacted by Pat Novak-Kady regarding her property at 2 Falls Cove Drive. P. Kady is wondering if the conservation commission is interested in preserving her land as it includes part of the 'Cove'. A. Tonry offered to do some research on this property. A site walk has been scheduled for February 20th at 9am. A. Tonry will e-mail directions to members. At the March meeting the commission will apply the 10 matrix qualifications to this parcel of land and see how it fits in the prioritization of conservation lands.

David Augusta is doing a senior project on conservation. He e-mailed questions to K. Ayers who recommended that we invite him to the Kady site walk and the next meeting so he can see the conservation commission in action and ask his questions directly to the commission members.

Wildlife meeting with Southeast Land Trust February 17th.
Easement Stewardship Workshop in Brentwood April 7th.

Next meeting March 11, 2010, 6:30 PM.

N. Roka made a motion to adjourn at 8:35, seconded by B. Burns, passed, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Abigail L. Tonry,
Conservation Commission Administrative Assistant

Motion to approve with corrections by N. Roka , second by B. Burns, unanimous.

Corrections submitted,
Abigail L. Tonry
Conservation Commission Administrative Assistant