

Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

Present: Bobbi Burns (Acting Chair), Nancy Roka (Vice Chair), Robert Wiener, Kay Graham, Dale Ohsberg

Absent: JP Pontbriand, David Gandt, Bonnie French, John Ratigan, Emily Bowers (Admin.)

Opened meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to approve, as amended, meeting minutes of June 28 by R. Wiener, 2nd K. Graham, approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Raspberry Farm Parking:

Received bids for parking area from Olofson Landworks, Coastal Landscaping & Masonry, J. Gill Organic Landscaping, Robinson Enterprises, Syvinski Landscaping, and Chris Merrill Inc. All bids were reviewed.

Syvinski Landscaping was the lowest bidder, but with an additional variable cost dependent on gravel requirements. Given that we don't know the depth that will need to be excavated, we are concerned with this stipulation.

Next lowest bid was Chris Merrill. Mr. Merrill placed no restrictions on the quantity of gravel. The question arose as to whether he would charge extra if the gravel requirements go over a specific amount.

Motion to award the job to Chris Merrill, Inc. upon confirmation that the bid is fixed price regardless of the depth of clay, gravel, or rock undersurface and resultant crushed gravel requirement to back fill; otherwise, the job will be awarded to Syvinski Landscaping. Motion put forth by R. Wiener, seconded by N. Roka and approved unanimously.

B. Burns to contact Chris Merrill, notify appropriate bidder, and notify failed bidders.

NEW BUSINESS

Zoning Board Application

The ZBA Agenda lists an application for variance to Article III, Section 8.4.1 (wetland conservation district) to permit construction of an addition at 35 Coach Lane (Map 8, Lot 83-12). No copy of the application was in the CC mail slot. B. Burns to obtain copy of application and find out why CC was not copied.

Town Forest

Discussed possibility of selective cut of town forest and wooded area of Raspberry Farm.

Negatives: Town forest may be too wet.
 Lumber prices may be too low to make this worthwhile at this time.

Positives: Addition of Raspberry Farm wooded area provides access to town forest and may make the project feasible.
 May improve the health of the land.

B. Burns will ask Emily to conduct initial investigation and report back.

Conservation Commission
Town of Hampton Falls

July 19, 2012
6:30 p.m., Town Hall

Election of Chair

K. Graham made a motion to elect B. Burns as Chair and retain N. Roka as Vice Chair, seconded by R. Wiener and approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by N. Roka at 7:25, 2nd by K. Graham. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By: B. Burns, Chair

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 9 at 6:30 p.m.