

Hampton Falls Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes: 5/9/13 DRAFT

Present: Bobbi Burns (Chair), Dale Ohsberg, Kay Graham, Bonnie French, Robert Wiener, Paul Melanson

Members of the Public: Mark West (West Environmental), Glenn Schrempf, Steve Burns

Absent: Nancy Roka (Vice Chair), John Ratigan, JP Pontbriand, David Gandt, Emily Bowers (secr.)

Opened meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to approve April minutes as amended made by K. Graham, 2nd R. Wiener, pass unanimously.

Old Business

Raspberry Farm – B. and S. Burns dumped gravel at entrance to temporarily solve rutting problem. CC members agreed to check it out and determine if further action is needed in immediate future.

Marsh Lane – David Gandt showed B. Burns property line stakes. Able to determine that neighbor's boat is on the property line, but outside of boundary.

Wetland Setbacks – Mark West provided an overview of how to design a wetland ordinance using Fremont as an example. Key points included importance of making the ordinance straightforward and easy to understand, buffers (i.e. limiting cutting/lawns) versus setbacks (buildings), vernal pools, poorly drained soil versus very poorly drained soil. Mark reviewed HF ordinance and pointed out inconsistencies, burdensome requirements, areas lacking and ways to improve it. Mark discussed HF wetlands including prime wetlands and predominance of poorly drained soils.

Next Steps: B. Burns to email Fremont ordinance to CC. At next meeting CC will review Fremont ordinance, HF most recent wetlands map and examine impact changes HF ordinance would have had on a past development. This process should help CC understand what impacts changing the ordinance may have.

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. by R. Wiener, 2nd B. Burns, passed unanimously.

Submitted by B. Burns, Chair

Next Meeting: Thurs., June 13, 6:30 p.m.