

Hampton Falls Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes: 8/8/13 DRAFT

Present: Bobbi Burns (Chair), Kay Graham, Robert Wiener, Glenn Schrempf

Absent: Nancy Roka (Vice Chair), Paul Melanson, Dale Ohsberg, John Ratigan, JP Pontbriand, David Gandt

Opened meeting at 7:00 p.m.

G. Schrempf made voting member for meeting.

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

Emily Bowers has moved to Vermont and hence resigned as secretary.

Bonnie French resigned from the Commission due to other time commitments. We thank her for her service.

Wetland Ordinance – B. Burns presented the final draft to the Planning Board at the July meeting. Planning Board will determine timing for moving forward. Draft appeared to be well received.

Raspberry Farm – Rockingham County Conservation walked Raspberry Farm. Other than the pile of dirt which remains from the parking lot construction, everything looked good. They requested that we spread the dirt ASAP. G. Schrempf will try. Due to weather, he hasn't been able to finish the haying.

B. Burns will go with Rockingham County in 2 weeks to do a soil test to determine if we need to fertilize.

Forestry Update – Fred Borman, Forester, UNH Coop Ext lead a tour though Raspberry Farm and the Town Forest with B. Burns, R. Wiener, and P. Melanson. Mr. Borman believes the land is prime for a selective cut. His concern is that some areas may not be reachable due to wetlands, but believes we should still pursue for the remainder of the land. Next step is to contact a Forester from the list provided by Mr. Borman and get some estimates. B. Burns will try to schedule for next meeting.

Mr. Borman noted the presence of the Woolly Adelgrid insect on the areas of Hemlock. He suggested that the invested Hemlocks should be removed during a selective cut because they will eventually kill the trees and spread to the remainder.

Budget – Reviewed current budget and current expenditures underway. Group agreed that pursuit of selective cut and maintenance of properties suggests we attempt to keep the budget the same. R. Wiener made a motion to propose budget at 2013 level, 2nd K. Graham, passed unanimously.

Group agreed that we have no capital improvements to submit.

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. by R. Wiener, 2nd K. Graham, passed unanimously.

Submitted by B. Burns, Chair

Next Meeting: Thurs., September , 6:30 p.m.