

Hampton Falls Conservation Commission

**Meeting Minutes: 10/10/13 DRAFT**

**Present:** Bobbi Burns (Chair), Kay Graham, Paul Melanson, Nancy Roka (Vice Chair), Robert Wiener, Glenn Schrempf

**Absent:** Dale Ohsberg, John Ratigan, JP Pontbriand, David Gandt

Opened meeting at 6:45 p.m. G. Schrempf made voting member for meeting.

Motion to approve August minutes as amended made by N. Roka, 2<sup>nd</sup> K. Graham, passed unanimously.

Raspberry Farm – UNH Coop Ext soil test results recommended 2 tons/acre of lime for the entire field this fall and another ½ ton on the upper field in the spring. Glenn got a quote of \$2,100 for lime, procurement & spreading from Mr. Batchelder and a quote of over \$3,000 (just lime) from another source. N. Roka made a motion to approve the procurement and spreading of 30 tons of lime (\$70/ton, 15 acres) from Mr. Batchelder for an approximate cost of \$2,100, 2<sup>nd</sup> K. Graham, approved unanimously. Glenn will coordinate.

B. Burns to contact abutter regarding mowing of path down to the pond. It's impacting haying process and was noted by Rockingham County Conservation District as an unapproved use. CC decided to let the neighbor cut the path as long as he stays as close to his property line as possible.

Scheduled Nov 9 to remove invasive plants from roadside. B. Burns to send out reminder and try to get additional volunteers.

Forestry Update – B. Burns still needs to contact and schedule a commercial forester for next steps.

B. Burns attended 3 ½ day UNH Coop Ext Coverts project. Class taught forestry management and habitat management.

Budget – B. Burns presented budget request to Board of Selectmen. No issues came up.

School – N. Roka to attend 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade science project at Depot Rd. Students will examine water quality, water flow impact and wildlife.

Coastal Hazards Committee – P. Melanson reported on first meeting. Focus is on what to do regarding climate change and impact on NH Seacoast. Some concern that the group is extremely large with some members having political interests.

K. Graham made a motion to reimburse B. Burns \$24 for soil tests and \$50 registration fee for Coverts Project, seconded by N. Roka, approved 5-0, B. Burns abstained.

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. by K. Graham, 2<sup>nd</sup> N. Roka, passed unanimously.

Submitted by B. Burns, Chair

Next Meeting: Thurs., November 14, 6:30 p.m.