

Hampton Falls Conservation Commission

**Meeting Minutes: 11/14/13 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 6:35 p.m. G. Schrempf made voting member for meeting.

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

Raspberry Farm – Glenn found a second tree stand. Glenn will put a note on each stand asking that it be removed. If not removed, Glenn will take them down.

Richard McDermott inquired about burning Christmas trees as a town event. No issues were raised. B. Burns has contacted RCCD to determine if it is OK to do this.

Discussed the need for a property “steward”, i.e. someone to take ownership of developing a conservation plan and leading efforts such as trail maintenance and invasive species removal. B. Burns to contact Karen Ayers and John Shaw as possibilities.

Forestry Update – Discussed the need for someone to work on this project who really knows the properties. B. Burns to contact Chris Merrill to see if he is willing to donate his time. Discussed goals of cut; maintain current trails, develop new trails, tree health, and enhance wildlife habitat. Discussed importance of not destroying the look of the forest in the short term for long term benefit.

Coastal Hazards Committee – P. Melanson reported on initial discussions. Estimates range from projected sea level rise of 6 inches to 6 feet by 2200. Portsmouth appears to be moving forward on analyzing impact and possible building code changes.

Miscellaneous – B. Burns will contact JP about having the boy scouts build some kind of box to house trail maps, rules (such as need to pick up dog waste), etc. Solution needs to keep items out of the rain. Need this for Depot Rd, Raspberry Farm and Marsh Lane.

K. Graham made a motion to pay the NH Association of Conservation Commissions dues of \$235. Seconded by N. Roka. Approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. by N. Roka, 2<sup>nd</sup> K. Graham, passed unanimously.

Submitted by B. Burns, Chair

Next Meeting: Thurs., December 12, 6:30 p.m.