

Hampton Falls Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes: 4/10/14 DRAFT

Present: Bobbi Burns (Chair), Kay Graham, Paul Melanson, Dale Ohsberg, Nancy Roka (Vice Chair), Robert Wiener, Ron Klemarczyk (licensed forester FORECO, LLC), Peter Robart (public), Peter Shaw (public), George Jedlin (public), Steven Burns (public)

Absent: John Ratigan, JP Pontbriand, David Gandt, Glenn Schrempf

Opened meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Raspberry Farm – Ron Klemarczyk reviewed his findings from the Raspberry Farm/Town Forest. Ron recommends a selective cut of Raspberry Farm, removing approximately 1/3 of the end of life and unhealthy trees, and a patch cut of the town forest. He recommends treating the woolly adelgrid rather than removing the hemlock due to their deer habitat and aesthetic importance. He is concerned with the weather being cold enough to cross the wetlands and reach the town forest. The Kensington abutter will be contacted to see if crossing there would be possible. Even without the town forest, he estimates we would net approximately \$5,000 to \$7,000, excluding the cost to treat the woolly adelgrid. We will tour the Kingston Town Forest in late May or June. Ron did selective cutting and patch cutting there 2 years ago. It will give a good sense of what our cut would look like.

Roadside Cleanup –Sat., May 3 with a rain date of May 10. Brush dump will be manned as follows.

9-10 Dale, Bobbi

10-11 Dale, Nancy

11-12 Nancy, Kay

12-1 Kay, Robert

1-2 Robert, Bobbi

Maintenance – Discussed continuing to trim parking lots of Raspberry Farm and Marsh Lane.

Motion: Continue to have Lyle Morrelley trim at a total budget not to exceed \$700.

1st: K. Graham

2nd: Nancy Roka

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To hire Kathy Crouteau (town secretary) on an as need basis to cover small, administrative projects.

1st: N. Roka

2nd: P. Melanson

Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

1st: N. Roka

2nd: R. Wiener

Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by B. Burns, Chair

Next Meeting: Thurs., May 8, 2014, 6:30 p.m.