

Hampton Falls Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes: 9/11/14 DRAFT

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

Absent: John Ratigan, Nancy Roka (Vice Chair), JP Pontbriand, David Gandt

Opened meeting at 6:32 p.m.

G. Schrempft made voting member for meeting.

July Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes as is.

1st: D. Ohsberg

2nd: K. Graham

Motion approved.

Raspberry Farm – Ash delivered. Company was unable to get the truck into Raspberry Farm and therefore dumped the ash at the Town Brush Dump necessitating moving it to Raspberry Farm.

BOS approved contract for selective cut. Ron will begin marking trees.

Glenn encountered a Seabrook resident cutting branches and putting up a tree stand. Hunter was told that tree stands are not allowed but that hunting is. Bobbi received a call from the Town Administrator stating that a hunter was complaining about this practice and was told by the police that he was allowed to do it. Bobbi will contact both the police and the hunter to reiterate that tree stands are not allowed, but hunting is.

Motion: Pay Richard Robinson \$500 for moving the ash to Raspberry Farm.

1st: K. Graham

2nd: R. Wiener

Approved unanimously.

Motion: Approve a maximum cost of \$1,000 to spread ash at Raspberry Farm. Glenn to determine best solution.

1st: B. Burns

2nd: D. Ohsberg

Approved unanimously.

Wetland Setbacks – Planning Board is receiving push back from RCP to increase the size of the buffer. Discussion took place that CC supports a 10 ft buffer. Concern was expressed that a larger buffer is too onerous given the number of residents with front and back yards well within the setbacks; too restrictive a buffer is likely to cause residents to ignore it all together; an unrealistic warrant article is likely to fail.

Marsh Lane – Bobbi and Nicole Bowley-LeBrun (environmental science major from Seabrook) began clearing the Marsh Lane trails. Work should be completed in the fall. Nicole is writing up informational posters that will be placed on the boards at each of the benches along the path. These posters will describe interesting wildlife and plants at Marsh Lane.

Other – Draft budget and zero capital improvement budget were submitted (same as 2014).

SE Land Trust requested potential sites for conservation. The 2003 list was submitted.

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Motion: Reimburse Bobbi for postage and copying associated with selective cut; \$10.75.

1st: R. Wiener

2nd: K. Graham

Approved unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

1st: K. Graham

2nd: R. Wiener

Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by B. Burns, Chair

Next Meeting: Thurs., Oct. 9, 2014, 6:30 p.m.