

Hampton Falls Conservation Commission

**Meeting Minutes: 1/8/15      DRAFT**

**Present:** Bobbi Burns (Chair), Paul Melanson, Nancy Roka (Vice Chair), Glenn Schrempf, Robert Wiener, Peter Shaw (member of the public), Nicholas Coates (NH Assoc. of Conservation Commissions)

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

Opened meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Made Glenn a voting member.

Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve December minutes as is.

1<sup>st</sup>: R. Wiener

2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Melanson

Approved unanimously.

Raspberry Farm – Glenn and Mr. Batchelder completed spreading of ash. Christmas tree burning scheduled for Jan 24. Waiting to hear if forest cut will happen given weather conditions.

Marsh Lane Property – Discussed proposal by land owner to possibly purchase approximately 19 acres near the current Marsh Lane property. Reviewed previous efforts to secure portions of this land through a donation. Though the forested land was previously listed as high value for conservation, members expressed concerns regarding the cost of title research, valuation and access issues due to right of way requirement. Members agreed that a conservation easement would be preferable to purchase.

NH Association of Conservation Commissions – Nicholas Coates provided an in depth review of what the association does. Focus is on education, technical assistance, and legislation. Education has been re-focused to include more field work and skills based. Attempt is being made to attract young people. Much discussion centered on how HF can use NHACC.

Coastal Risks & Hazard Commission – Paul presented the commission's estimates of 2050 likely daily high tide scenarios and their negative impact on marshes, coastal communities and route 1. Commission's goal is to propose legislation to better prepare NH for future sea level rise and storm surge impacts.

Adjournment

**Motion:** Adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

1<sup>st</sup>: N. Roka

2<sup>nd</sup>: R. Wiener

Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by B. Burns, Chair

Next Meeting: Thurs., Feb. 12, 2015, 6:30 p.m.