

Meeting Minutes: November 17th 2016 Draft

Present: Shawn Hanson, Glenn Schrempf, Paul Melanson, Karen Ayers, Mary Ann Hill

Absent: Nancy Roka, Robert Wiener, Dale Oshberg

Guest: James Kibler (James has applied to become a member.), Ed Beatie

Opened meeting at 6:34 p.m. at Town Hall.

S. Hanson appointed Karen Ayers and Glenn Schrempf as voting members due to the absent members

New Business:

Ed Beatie came to discuss the condition of a dam located on the Taylor River on town owned land (town forest) which has deteriorated over a number of years. Mr. Beatie discussed his concern for water quality and quantity in town as all residence rely on wells for the supply of water. Mr. Beatie felt it would be important to restore the dam to a height which was specified in a court order issued to the Town of Hampton Falls in the mid to late 1990's. The commission thanked him for taking the time to discuss his concerns and committed to research what steps would be necessary to restore the dam to its previously prescribed height.

The commission discussed the idea of granting a very specific "right of way" across two separate town owned properties to NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) for the purpose of monitoring lands that would have a conservation easement placed on them. The commission is working with South East Land Trust (SELT) on conservation easements for two properties in town, and granting this right of way will provide greater access to Federal grants in this process.

Motion: To ask the Hampton Falls Select Board to consider granting Rights of Way on two separate lots of town owned land for the specific purpose of NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) monitoring potential easements on Map 6 Lot 55 and Map 4 Lot 6. P. Melanson 1st M. Hill 2nd All in favor 5-0.

Welcome to James Kibler, the commission discussed the history of land conservation, its funding and other responsibilities the commission has in town. James provided the commission with his background and interest in joining the commission as a full member. The commission will request the Selectmen appoint James to the commission as a full member to replace Kay Graham.

Annual dues to the New Hampshire Conservation Commissions: \$296

Motion: To pay the annual dues for membership in the New Hampshire Conservation Commissions. M. Hill 1st P. Melanson 2nd all in favor 5-0

Old Business:

All members in attendance signed a thank you card for Josh Hemond the Eagle Scout who built the two map kiosk and installed them at Raspberry Farm and Marsh Lane. Thank you Josh. S. Hanson will mail the card.

Update on bird house construction: Mr. Humphrey has built several bird houses thus far and plans to build more with the wood that K. Ayers and S. Hanson were able to deliver. The wood has been donated by the Brickett family.

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Meeting minute review:

The commission reviewed the October minutes, changes will be made and a final version will be voted on in December along with the November minutes.

Other:

P. Melanson stated the Coastal Risk and Hazards Commission will be disbanded and their final report made available to the public soon. P. Melanson plans to present this final report the Select Board at one of its January meetings.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45pm 1st S. Hanson 2nd M. Hill all in favor.

Next Meeting: December 8th Thursday at 6:30pm

Meeting minutes submitted by S. Hanson.