

**Conservation Commission
Town of Hampton Falls**

**March 11, 2010
6:30 p.m., Town Hall**

Meeting Minutes (FINAL)

Present were Karen Ayers, Conservation Commission Chair; Robert Wiener, Nancy Roka, David Gandt, Bruce Fabbri, JP Pontbriand and Bobbi Burns regular members, John Ratigan, alternate; Abby Tonry, administrative assistant. Since Julie Williams was absent J. Ratigan was made a voting member. Absent: Julie Williams, Mike Farinola, Selectman's Rep. Present in the audience was David Augusta. B. Burns and R. Wiener left at 7:15, J. Ratigan left at 7:45.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Election of Officers: Motion by D. Gandt to appoint K. Ayers as chair, seconded by B. Fabbri, unanimous. Motion by R. Wiener, seconded by JP Pontbriand to appoint N. Roka vice-president, unanimous.

2. Review and Approve Minutes

Minutes of February 2010 meeting were skipped due to time limitations.

3. Administrative/Financial Issues

4. Prior/Continuing Business

Trail Blazers: Trailblazers, headed by D. Gandt (Erin Cosgrove & husband, Frank DePeters, Nathan Roe, Joel Williams and others) to meet to discuss supplies/abilities of members and prioritize projects.

Update website: next meeting

Earth Day: Earth Day cleanup is April 17 from 9-2. B. Burns volunteered to call previous volunteers. K. Ayers will ask Julie Williams if she might have some time to make calls as well. N. Roka and JP Pontbriand will work to get the scouts involved. Litter-Free NH bags are in Epsom, NH so K. Ayers will ask FPL if they will provide bags. D. Gandt and R. Wiener will check on pokers and make new ones as needed. D. Gandt, B. Fabbri. R. Wiener and N. Roka will work to man the dump on April 17. N. Roka will submit the newspaper ad.

Greenhead Fly Traps: JP Pontbriand will look into the greenhead fly traps. It was voted last year to pay the scouts to manage and maintain them. JP Pontbriand will locate and coordinate with the scouts. It was decided to pay the scouts ½ in the spring when they are put out and ½ in the fall when they are stored.

Kady Property – Matrix review included review of wetland, water resources, wildlife and other maps. We are interested in how it ranks with other projects. J. Ratigan asked if we have an inventory that ranks all town lands the conservation commission might be interested in. K. Ayers

stated that this has been done previously. D. Gandt stated he would contact T. Walker to see if he can get a digital copy of the matrix. A. Tonry said she would review old files for copies of completed matrix.

K. Ayers and N. Roka may be walking the Kady property on Saturday March 20th. Anyone who would like to see the site is welcomed to join them. Please contact her ASAP if you plan to attend as more than a few members will require posting a meeting notice.

5. New Business

Parking Raspberry Farm: K. Ayers to contact RCCD, Wetland scientist, Dick Robinson and others to meet at the Raspberry Farm to discuss the size and location of the future parking lot. K. Ayers wants to get together a land management subcommittee to discuss the plan for Raspberry Farm uses. The group should include a person from the recreation committee, a selectman's representative and they should schedule a public hearing to discuss the options and get feedback from the residents. K. Ayers and N. Roka will work to prepare the land management plan following the guidelines and regulations. A liability contract should be made with Glenn Schrempt for haying the land. K. Ayers would like the trailblazers to clean the stonewall this season. She would like to see short and long term projects for the land use. She will ask R. McDermott and S. Volpone if we can use their e-mail lists to solicit town ideas and participation. J. Ratigan said he would like to see what other towns are doing such as timber harvests, bird walks, sitewalks and agricultural endeavors. Vic Mahoney, Executive Director, of the Seacoast Youth Services is interested in talking with us about the possibility of developing a community garden or a work service program.

Niebling Back Yard Tree Farm (Map 4, Lot 57): K. Ayers received an e-mail from abutter J. Deliere who spoke with Charlie Niebling at the site. She stated that J. Deliere misunderstood C. Niebling's plan to cut some cordwood or have a future selective harvest on his property. Although there is a possibility for the town to take ownership of this conservation land it was previously decided to allow C. Niebling to continue to manage his own woodlot since the town does not have the volunteer or financial resources to manage this lot according to the management plan. K. Ayers will invite C. Niebling to our May or June meeting. Abutters will be notified of the meeting date.

B. Fabbri has worked on the newsletter software and needed volunteer e-mail addresses, N. Roka volunteered her address.

The CD with Ocean bank has matured and K. Ayers would like it reinvested by L. Riordan.

Next meeting April 8, 2010, 6:30 PM.

N. Roka made a motion to adjourn at 8:35, seconded by D. Gandt, passed, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Abigail L. Tonry,
Conservation Commission Administrative Assistant

Motion to approve with corrections by N. Roka , second by B. Fabbri, passed, unanimous.

Corrections submitted ,
Abigail L. Tonry
Conservation Commission Administrative Assistant