Conservation Commission Town of Hampton Falls

April 8, 2010 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

Meeting Minutes (FINAL)

Present were Karen Ayers, Conservation Commission Chair; Nancy Roka, Vice-Chair, Robert Wiener, Bruce Fabbri and Bobbi Burns regular members, Abby Tonry, administrative assistant. Absent were David Gandt, JP. Pontbriand and John Ratigan.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:46. John Delire was in the audience and he asked repeated questions regarding the Neibling property. K. Ayers stated that all abutters have been invited to our May meeting when Charlie Neibling will speak about his conservation easement.

2. Review and Approve Minutes

Minutes of March 2010 meeting were discussed. N. Roka made a motion to accept the March 2010 meeting minutes with changes, B. Fabbri seconded, passed unanimously.

3. Administrative/Financial Issues

N. Roka made a motion to pay Julie Williams \$18.95 for the New England Wildflower Society's Field Manual of Invasive Plants for the Northeast, seconded by R. Wiener, passed, unanimously.

N. Roka made a motion to pay Karen Ayers \$26.40 for the postage, most for Raspberry Farm thank you notes, rest for future mailings, seconded by R. Wiener, passed, unanimously.

Greenhead Fly Trap maintenance was postponed until next month do to JP. Pontbriand's absence.

4. Prior/Continuing Business

<u>Marsh Lane – Melville</u> – Mr. Melville has found 2 out of 3 discharges. He is working on a partial release for the home equity loan.

Trail Blazers:

<u>Update website</u>: A. Tonry to ask L. Ruest to update, including members and minutes

Earth Day: Earth Day cleanup is Saturday, April 17 (Rain Date Sunday, April 18) from 9-2. R. Wiener will man 9-11, B. Fabbri 10-12, N. Roka 11-1, B. Burns 12-2 and D. Gandt 1-2. Mark Thompson will show up at 9 with gloves and bags. R. Wiener has 27+/- pokers, D. Gandt will make more. N. Roka will ask the newspaper to publish the article Tuesday and Friday. R. Wiener will put up the banner after Saturday. N. Roka will pick up drinks. B. Burns will bring the map to the dump.

<u>Kady Property Map 6 Lot 20:</u> Matrix review included review of wetland, water resources, wildlife and other maps. Giving the highest ranking to the watershed protection, all other factors being low the property scored between 32 and 41 point on a scale of importance of 100. K. Ayers suggested that NRCS might be the most likely entity interested in protecting the property. Although it is worthy of protection it is not something the commission would recommend the town buying. She suggested we wait for the property to sell and maybe the next owner would be interested in easement versus sale.

5. New Business

<u>Bagley Property Map 1 Lot 10</u>: Application to ZBA. A requested variance to the 100' buffer is needed to build a 16x26 addition since there will be a 3' encroachment into the buffer. It was determined that the property is not in the prime wetlands. A 3'encroachment would not be significant if there was proof that it was only 3'. The board was concerned that they were unable to substantiate the amount of encroachment since no documentation was provided showing the wetlands delineation.

William Kenney sent a letter to the board, copying the code enforcement officer, regarding tree cutting. K. Ayers felt this was a code enforcement issue.

<u>Wickson Property Map 4 Lot 39:</u> R. Wiener told the board about a possible excavation within the 100' wetlands buffer without a permit. It was decided this also is a code enforcement issue. R. Wiener will discuss this issue with the Code Enforcement officer.

Next meeting May 13, 2010, 6:30 PM, Charlie Neibling will speak.

R. Wiener made a motion to adjourn at 10:05, seconded by N. Roka, passed, unanimous.

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

Motion to approve with corrections by N. Roka, second by R. Wiener, unanimous.

Corrections submitted, Abigail L. Tonry Conservation Commission Administrative Assistant