

Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

Present: Karen Ayers (Chairwoman), Bobbi Burns, JP Pontbriand, Nancy Roka, Bonnie French, John Ratigan, Emily Bowers (administrative assistant). Members of the public: Luigi Amato, Glenn Schrempf, Kay Graham, and Paul Melanson.

Absent: Robert Wiener, David Gandt

Opened meeting at 6:40 pm

Motion by B. Burns to approve February meeting minutes, seconded by N. Roka, approved unanimously.

J. Ratigan made a voting member for this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Raspberry Farm Parking: E. Bowers to fax or hand deliver a sketch of the proposed parking area to Tracy Degan at the RCCD to see whether they can design a plan for eight spaces at that location.

Phragmites Mitigation: Lenny Lord at the RCCD thinks we can find enough grant money to tackle the phragmites invasion of the Rt. 1 salt marsh without any town funds. The Commission thinks that if such a restoration does not also tackle other phragmites invasions at sites under CC jurisdiction then a single restoration project will not be effective. E. Bowers to talk to Lenny about such a program.

Roadside Cleanup: The CC will put banners up advertising the March 31st event and will see if Jay (LAST NAME?) will let us use the emergency board to get the word up and post updates. B. Burns will see whether Richard McDermott will send out an email. N. Roka to send press release/notice to Hampton Union, get the scouts involved and pick up/drop off water on the day of the event. CC one-hour posts are as follows: 9-10am: Bonnie, 10-11am: Nancy, 11-12pm: Bobbi, 12-1pm: Karen, and 1-2pm: Robert.

NEW BUSINESS

Brimmer Lane Property: Luigi Amato is considering a property purchase on Brimmer Lane and wanted the Commission's advice about potential options regarding a wetland violation on the property. Gove Environmental Services performed a site inspection and found that part of the pool and one patio are within a 100 ft buffer of prime wetlands. The Commission told Amato that such a violation is under state jurisdiction and suggested he had Gove contact the state to get an advisory about options for proceeding.

Schrempf Property: Glenn Schrempf would like to place two properties under conservation, but both properties straddle Kensington and Hampton Falls (map 1, lot 32 & map 4, lot 6). He has talked to the Kensington Conservation Commission who put him in touch with SELT. One of the properties abuts the Janvrin Natural Area. Because the Taylor River passes through lot 32 (map 1) and there are prime wetlands on both lots, K. Ayers suggested looking into the Wetland Reserve Program. The CC will walk the site with Glenn, SELT, and the Kensington CC before proceeding.

Raspberry Farm: Paul Melanson has performed some research regarding the introduction of fish into the pond. Necessary steps include determining water quality through testing and, if found oxygen levels are found sufficient, obtaining a permit from Fish and Game to populate the pond. Both seasonal oxygen testing and the purchase of fish would be the CC's responsibilities. Glenn Schrempf mentioned seeing Bass in the pond while doing maintenance. The CC discussed the potential of dredging out and expanding the pond to create a more viable fish community and a better surface area for a winter skating rink. Dredge material could be used to fill holes for property maintenance.

K.Ayers will accompany Paul in determining depth of the pond and will call Candace Dolan about doing the water testing. The Land Management Committee will do a site walk to decide whether the fishpond should be bigger for recreational purposes.

The option for putting wood duck and other bird boxes (owl, blue bird, etc) on the property was discussed. J.P. Pontbriand will mention this to the Eagle Scouts as a potential project.

Jersey Barriers were ordered to block off restricted entrances. Total cost of barriers is \$480. B. Burns motioned to approve expenditure, B. French seconded. Approved unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:30 pm made by N. Roka, 2nd B. Burns. Passed unanimously.

Next Meeting – Thursday, April 12, 6:30 PM.

Respectively submitted by E. Bowers