

Conservation Commission September 11th 2018 Meeting Minutes Draft

Location: Hampton Falls Town Hall Call

Attendees: Shawn Hanson, , Karen Ayers, Mary Ann Hill, Cathy Golas, Robert Wiener, Paul Melanson, James Kibler

Absent: Dale Ohsberg, Nancy Roka, Glenn Schrempf

Call the meeting to order: 6:42pm The meeting was relocated to the Library due to Voting day at Town Hall.

New Business:

Review information from Property owner Diane Drinan on Towle Farm Rd. Diane Drinan did not attend the meeting, so no review took place. The commission will invite Diane to the October meeting

Review our 2018-19 Budget, the commission discussed increasing our annual budget to a proposed \$5900, this is an increase of \$700 over the 2017-18 budget. The Line items that were increased are as follows:

390- Other Professional Services increased to \$300

560 Dues and Subscriptions increased to \$425

570 Other Purchased Services reduced to \$1275

610 General increased to \$200

625 Postage increased to \$200

830 Meetings/Conferences increased to \$350

the Bottom line budget will be increased from \$5200 to \$6,100.

Motion: to submit the proposed budget of \$6,100 to the Select board for their review. S.Hanson 1st J. Kibler 2nd. All in favor.

S. Hanson walked the Raspberry Farm trail and around the pond with Lisa Woodruff, she is researching a way to get her 7th graders involved with identifying invasive plant species at Raspberry Farm and study the effects they have on the property. The Commission will check in with her during the school year to see how things are going.

M. Hill asked if anyone is doing work to eradicate certain types of invasive plants, no one knew but M. Hill will email RCCD (Tracy) to inquire with them.

K. Ayers asked about dredging the pond at Raspberry farm to make it deeper and open the sping's that feed the pond. K. Ayers will investigate the cost of this work that was done in the past, and consider grants that are available for this type of work, she will check with the state to determine what permits would be needed.

Sub-committees did not meet in August so no reports available.

Old Business:

1. Update on Unitil project (6 black containers were spotted pre-pictures sent) work should be completed soon
2. Jim Z and trail maintenance (still waiting to walk trails with Jim)
3. Subcommittee meeting updates minutes.
4. Letter was sent to Lafayette Road property that dumped grass clippings in wetland setback area.
5. Update on the Janvrin Property (Town Forest) NH parks and Rec will make an appointment to come to Hampton Falls to walk part of the property.
6. Update the LUCT tax for Old Stage Rd lot.
7. Policy or Procedure adoption for land purchase or easements over a certain amount. My proposal.
8. Improve our online presence for conservation lands advertising conservation land available to residence to use.
9. Long range planning for Conservation Commission Create Conservation Plan, including land priorities, easement procedures and policies and use
10. Discuss creating a Cost of Community Services Report for Hampton Falls.
11. Letter from RPC for cleaning up invasive plants at our town dump. (Karen/MaryAnn)

Other: None

Next Meeting: October 9th 6:30pm Town Hall.

Minutes submitted by Shawn Hanson