

Conservation Commission Final Minutes	December 12, 2023 6:30pm
Town of Hampton Falls	Town Hall

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A. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Ms. Hill called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM

B. ROLL CALL

- a. **Present:** Mary Ann Hill, Shawn Hanson, Cathy Golas, Robert Wiener, Ann Reis, Paul Melanson, Alternate
- b. **Absent:** Lou Gargiulo, Selectman's Rep, Karen Ayers, Brianna O'Brien

C. NEW BUSINESS: Seedling order from State Forestry Nursery: Ordering opened December 1st, M. Hill placed an order for 70 seedlings on December 2nd at a cost of \$120.00. We will pick them up in May from the Rockingham County Complex. The order consisted of 10 each of Red Oak, Paper Birch, Button Bush, Winterberry Holly, Common Elderberry, American Larch and Norway Spruce.

D. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. **Greenhead traps:** M. Hill contacted Sarah McGregor at Dragon to say we wanted to hire them to maintain our Greenhead traps. M. Hill also spoke with the Town Administrator about buying a shopping container for storing the traps. She said we should use the Conservation Fund to pay for the container. The Recreation Commission purchased theirs from Mobile Mini in Salisbury. It cost \$4,900 plus a \$200 delivery charge. S. Hanson thought we could find one less expensive. We will check other prices.
- b. **RCCD donation of marsh parcels:** S. Hanson contacted Mary Ganz writing up a sample deed for the 5 parcels. The sample she provided was reviewed. The sample deed would be given to the Board of Selectmen for their approval, and sent back to RCCD.
- c. **Citizens Guide:** A. Reis has address labels and a brief note to send with the Homeowner Guides to new residents in Town.
- d. **Plaque for Glenn Schrempf:** C. Golas has the design and names of companies who make plaques. More discussion on style.
- e. **Conservation Commission logo sign:** M. Hill will contact Brianna about getting the logo sign made.

E. COMMUNICATION TO BOARD MEMBERS

- a. **ZBA:** A rehearing of the 3 Weare Rd. decision was granted.
- b. **SHEA:** S. Hanson reported that a Conservation Coordinator was hired, Sara McNamara-Gagnon.
- c. Ms. Hill reported on a Coastal Conservation Commission Roundtable webinar she recently attended titled Saltmarsh Resilience: Tools and Strategies.

F. The Commission voted on three disbursements: M. Hill moved that we reimburse A. Reis \$39.60 for postage for mailing the Homeowner's Guide to new residents. S. Hanson seconded. Motion Passed. S. Hanson made a motion to reimburse M. Hill \$120 for the seedling purchase. C. Golas seconded. Motion Passed. S. Hanson moved that we pay Russ Hilliard \$1,350 out of the

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Conservation Fund for the removal of two dead trees by the parking area at the Raspberry Farm.

R. Weiner seconded. Motion passed.

G. November Financial Reports:

1. Conservation Fund balance \$162,122.54, includes \$144.51 interest

2. Budget Balance \$_____

3. Conservation Land Capital Reserve Fund beg. Bal. \$45,148.67 Current Balance ~ \$92,000.

H. Minutes from November 12: S. Hanson made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, A. Reis seconded. Motion Passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

NEXT CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULED March 12, 2024 at 6:30 PM.

These minutes prepared by M. Hill