

Conservation Commission September 10th 2019 Meeting Minutes Final Location:
Town Hall.

Present: Mary Ann Hill, Shawn Hanson, James Kibler, , Paul Melanson, Robert Wiener, Karen Ayers, Lou Gargiulo
Guest: Jess & Ann from the Forest society.
Absent: Dale Ohsberg, Cathy Golas, Nancy Roka, Bethany MacAvoy, Glenn Schrempf

Call the meeting to order: 6:33pm

S. Hanson made Karen Ayers a voting member for the meeting.

New Business:

Ann and Jess from the Forest Society reviewed fundraising ideas for the Clay Brook Forest Conservation project.

Ann will talk with Karen Ayers to get a list of donors that was created for the Raspberry Farm project.

Karen Ayers plans to have a small table for Conservation Commission info and Bird houses at the annual Hampton Falls Library book sale. She will have a 1page informational sheet for the Clay Brook Forest property for people to take with them, and a sign-up sheet for trail maintenance.

James K. is planning a small gathering of his neighbors to review the remaining funds needed to complete the Clay Brook Forest project, this event will happen later in the September.

Some discussion about where any donation money that comes in for the Clay Brook Forest project should go to the Forest Society. They have the resources to handle the funds.

Some ideas for fundraisers: sell calendars, specially etched wine glasses, a road race, other ideas were discussed.

James K. has created a 2020 calendar with photos of wildlife, landscapes and information about conservation lands in Hampton falls, the idea of purchasing 50 calendars to sell for \$20 each was discussed, the Commission will talk to the town administrator to determine if the Conservation commission could pay for calendars out of its "printing" section of its budget.

Motion: To expend up to \$500 to purchase 50 calendars pending verification and authorization for raising money for the Clay Brook Forest project and conservation commission outreach. R. Wiener. 1st P. Melanson. 2nd all in favor with 1 abstention.

Commission discussed the idea of approaching the new town secretary to see if she would be interested in doing some work for the conservation commission. S Hanson will contact the secretary. The Code enforcement officer has been too busy to address some of the wetland violations brought to the attention of the Conservation commission. Lou Gargiulo suggested the Commission ask to be on the next department head Selectmen meeting agenda. S. Hanson will request time on the agenda.

2020 budget discussion: several members would like to hire an intern from UNH to do some work for the Commission, possible items, trail maintenance, long range planning, organizational tasks as well as other tasks. Since the cost is not known the commission will research the possibility and add it to next year's budget. The remainder of the budget was discussed, and all line item amounts were kept the same as last year, with the exception of line item 700 (capital outlay) which was raised \$4000 to \$5,350 from \$1,350. The reason for this increase was to cover the cost of installing a fence on the Marsh Ln property in hopes it will stop the encroachment of a neighbor of the property. SELT which does annual walks/review of the property has suggested a fence be installed for the last two years.

Motion: to set the 2020 Conservation Commission budget at \$9,100. The only change being line item 730 "Capital Outlay" from \$1350 to \$5350. 1st S. Hanson 2nd Mary Ann Hill all in favor.

M. Hill has asked the bookkeeper to review 2019 expended line item 690 which is at \$65, she thought that item

might belong line item 830 "Meetings and Conferences" as she thought it was reimbursement for a class she took.

Other:

Motion to accept the August meeting minutes as amended: 1st S. Hanson 2nd M. Hill. All in favor.

Old Business:

No new information was provided on the question of the Taylor River being dammed up at the corner of King and Drinkwater for the repair of the culvert. Glenn S. is hoping to get an answer on this matter.

Meeting adjourned at 7.54pm

Minutes submitted by S.Hanson

Next Meeting: October 8th, 6:30pm Town Hall.