

Conservation Commission - September 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes, DRAFT

Location: Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 P.M.

Present: Mary Ann Hill, Shawn Hanson, James Kibler, Paul Melanson, Robert Wiener, Karen Ayers, alternate, Lou Gargiulo, Selectman

Absent: Cathy Golas and Nancy Roka

Alternate Karen Ayers appointed full member for this meeting

Raspberry Farm/Town Forest:

- Other options for haying: MR. Rosencrantz and Steve Hurd.
- Made a larger sign with do's and don'ts for Raspberry Farm and Marsh Lane. Robert will print and laminate.
- M. Hill updating hunting schedule for 2021
- Invasive plant workdays for October 9, 16, 22
- Photos of Glenn haying: try to get back from Glenn's sister or get copies.
- Plaque for Glenn – "in appreciation..." Look at memorial for Punky Merrill on Common for wording.

Marsh Lane:

- Property line much cleaner, some equipment still parked there. Fence price has gone up to \$5,000 for 200 feet of chain link. Will try to get other options for more natural looking fence.
- Have asked the fire department to burn the invasive plant pile because of site conditions.
- Sign for rules and update hunting schedule as for Raspberry Farm.
- Some discussion how to firm up the ROW entry. Ground very soft, huge ruts. Wood chips a viable option. Will contact the owners.

Reports:

- **Planning Board:** Until replacing lines in the marsh from Seabrook to Hampton.
- **SHEA:** Planning more outreach: virtual tour, in-person tour, king tide photo contest, rain chains. Two estuary Management plans for outreach strategies being considered.
- **DOT** – Another workshop at Town Hall at 6:00 September 16 for Route 1.
- **Depot landing committee:** Proposed plan being given to the Selectmen for Sept. Get stickers when register car. Fish and Game restrictions may apply. 5 resident parking spaces between two signs. Carry in-carry out trash. Change some of the regulations on the sign.

Other:

- Salicornia sampling at Former Chase Saltmarsh on Sept. 15 in the afternoon.
- James presented a list of mitigation priorities. James made the motion to adopt them, Robert seconded. Motion Passed.
- Hampton has a Conservation Coordinator for 27 hr/wk. Shawn to contact her to see interested in HF too.
- Discussion about a lot line adjustment involving the portion of Clay Brook which is not covered by the conservation easement and the abutting Kibler property. Perhaps to the town's benefit for it to buy Clay Brook as assessed value is low.
- Robert announced apple picking next four Saturdays at his property on Surrey Lane.
- **Financial report:** After payments from budget of \$100 balance is \$5,681.03. Conservation Fund balance: \$155,667.31 with the addition of 13.48 interest.

Minutes: Minutes from August 13, 2021 were reviewed. Shawn moved to accept as amended, Paul Seconded. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Karen, Seconded by Shawn.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ann Hill

Next meeting will be October 12, 2021