

Hampton Falls, NH; Conservation Commission – February 8, 2022 Final Minutes
Location: Town Hall, 1 Drinkwater Road, Hampton Falls, NH

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M.

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

Absent: Cathy Golas, Nancy Roka, alternate

Guests: Michael Ferrigno, and Ann Ries

Staff Present: Brianna O'Brien, Conservation Coordinator

Mary Ann made Karen Ayers a voting member.

Michael Ferrigno

- Mr. Ferrigno came before the Commission looking for guidance on what permits are needed for building a barn on his property in/near the Taylor River West Complex 246 Exeter Rd. Map 6 Lot 56. There are wetlands. He is proposing to build a barn 175 ft from Taylor River. He may have animals in the future. He has a delineated plan but is not sure about the type of wetland that has been flagged and if it qualifies as a shoreland and needs a shoreland permit. It was clarified that if he is at least 100 ft from the wetland edge, there are no issues with the town. Mr. Ferrigno was advised to connect with DES to determine the type of wetland and any associated permits.

Estuary survey

- Ms. Mary Ann Hill sent out two surveys to the Commission. One is from SHEA requesting input about the Estuary in order to develop an estuary-wide watershed management plan. The other is in regard to NH Coastal Watershed Conservation Plan (2021 Coastal Plan). They are looking for input to create training programs and easily accessible materials tailored to local needs.
- Ms. Hill stated that the Depot Rd access point should be mentioned in the SHEA survey in regard to the erosion issues. It was mentioned that the Parks and Rec Department oversees that area. Ms. Hill stated that as the Conservation Commission is outlined, any coastal waters are within their purview and they can report their concerns to SHEA through this survey.
- Any other comments about either survey should be sent to Mary Ann by Monday 14th

News

- UNH received over \$3 million grant to restore shoreland MA and NH

Raspberry Farm

- Snow plowing parking lot- Town is not doing it. Someone is. Ms. Karen Ayers is to ask Mr. Jude Augusta about plowing regularly. The Commission can ask the Board that any conservation land parking lots can be put on the future spec for town plowing.
- Steve Hurd agreement: Mr. Hurd didn't make any changes to the agreement, other than his name and date. It was clarified that the administrator will formalize the

agreement and then it will go through the BoS. There is a question about whether the Commission can have a long-term agreement. Mr. Shawn Hanson mentioned having it be a 3-year contract. Mr. Lou Gargiulo mentioned adding a performance clause. Ms. Hill indicated there is a performance clause.

- Photos: Betty LaFrance has photos, Ms. Hill needs to go pick them up.
- Memorial for Glenn Schempf: Placement- Ms. Hill offered several options for placement. No decision was made. A suggestion was made to put it on the kiosk, but it was not agreed upon.
- Reviewed the dog issues. Salty Dog Van was there again recently. It was asked what is happening with ordering poop signs. It was decided that Ms. Ayers will purchase the signs, per the vote at the last meeting, and will be reimbursed through the Commission. There is no mention of off leash fines on the existing signs, and it was asked if Hampton Falls has fines for that. The Commission reviewed the need for registration for businesses like dog walkers. Mr. Gargiulo stated that an ordinance would be needed to do that. Review wording with BOS after March 8, 2022.

Mr. Gargiulo leaves at 7:25. Reminds Commission about wine glasses and finding good opportunities for raising funds for the Commission. Using the Tricentennial as an opportunity to raise awareness for the Commission.

Violation

- Follow up: 34 Coach Lane, M 8 Lot 83-6 violation. The Commission received a letter from DES stating that the complaint had been received.

Conservation Coordinator updates

- Trail: Ms. O'Brien clarified what she had said at the last meeting. She has heard back from Peter Desantis from Comprehensive Trail Services and completed their form. He worked in Hampton Falls in 2016. She also heard from Zachary Colatch from New Hampshire Conservation Corps. She will follow up with both. There was some conversation about the status of the current trails in the town forest.
- Conservation properties: Ms. O'Brien is still working on the database for all Hampton Falls owned land. It is a long process.

Reports

- Planning Board: No updates
- SHEA: SHEA is planning their 4 outreach events for the year. They are also working on their management plan.

Conservation potential

- Ms. Hill spoke with the Molin's who want to conserve their back acreage, 15 acres abutting the town forest.
- Ms. LaFrance is planning to keep their land in the family, including Mr. Schempf's house.
- There is a question of whether or not the Dilmores wanted to conserve their land. Ms. Ayers will ask. Ms. Ayers pointed out that the Commission doesn't have the

money to approach people about conserving land. There is also a question about if Penny Matel is interested in joining Commission.

- Mr. James Kibler sent an email to the attorney who represents the LLC for the land at Brown Rd. and Old Stage and has not heard back.

Other:

- Upcoming webinars through NHACC. Lunch and learn
 - **Mapping:** Feb 16, 12:00 noon
 - **Funding for trails:** March 2, 12:00 noon
 - **Links are available in the NHACC newsletter. Mary Ann has signed up for both**
- **Red Tail Hawk** released for fall migration

Financial Reports:

1. Budget balances: Vote to roll excess of \$5,106.03 from 2021 into 2022 Conservation fund.

Mr. Hanson moves to roll \$5,106.03 from 2021 into Conservation fund, Ms. Ayers seconded. All in favor, motion passes.

2022 budget is \$12,510 made it through the deliberative session, so now it will get voted on.

2. Fund Bal. \$155,775.06
3. Ms. Hill asked if the Commission wanted to put \$100,000 into a CD. Mr. Hanson voiced that he thinks the Commission should.

Review minutes from January 11, 2022

Mr. Hanson moves to approve the January 2022 minutes with edits, Mr. Wiener seconds. All approve, motion passes

Mr. Hanson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Kibler. All in favor. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm

Respectfully submitted, Brianna O'Brien