

Hampden Conservation Commission
July 31, 2007 Meeting
Minutes

Present: Wally Jakubas, Don Katnik (Chair), Mark McCollough, Bob Osborne (Planner), Mike Robbins (minutes), Ed Steltzer.

1. Introduction of Guest: No guests this month.

2. Minutes from the May 29, 2007 meeting: Minutes were accepted with minor revisions.

3. Ancient Business

a. Fish Warden: Mike will prepare a draft request for proposal for a fish warden. It will stipulate payment to the town as a percentage (10% - 15%) of gross take and the method proposed to catch alewives.

b. Conservation Award: The Town Council Ordinance Committee has now approved the proposed criteria. Bob and Mark will check on the time table to determine if nominations should be made in January 2008.

c. Green Space Signs: Mark brought a Voss sign catalog for review. Products are less expensive, \$2 to \$3 per sign, aluminum, with an order of 100+. Colors chosen for ATV sign: orange background, black lettering, white ATV. Colors chosen for Open Space sign: green and black on white background. Bob will check with Public Works with respect to posts for the signs.

4. Old Business

a. Resource Protection: Our recommendations for currently unprotected streams and wetlands will be discussed at the next Community Service Committee meeting.

d. Recycling: Some composters remain at \$16 each. It is time to start planning our extent of involvement in the Fall hazardous waste collection, starting with ascertaining the date this year..

5. New Business

a. Comprehensive Plan for Triangle, Marina, and Four-Mile Square: Elements of the memo from Chris Shrum (7/23/07) to the Town Council on comprehensive planning for these areas were discussed.

b. Gravel pit operation and reclamation: Members mentioned the noise recently being made by pit operations. There is an upcoming meeting for discussion of a noise ordinance that could possibly involve a restriction of hours of operation. Also, a proposal to allow abandonment of standards for gravel pit reclamation if the area is made available for recreational activity (e.g., ATV use) was discussed. Based on information available, this proposal was viewed unfavorably.

c. Maine Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC): The MACC has been reconstituted. Members voted to join.

6. Town Planner's Report:

A site visit for the Lane's Dance Hall Subdivision will be held on Wednesday, August 8 at 5:30 PM.

7. Next meeting date

Next full meeting of the HCC will be Tuesday, August 27, 2007.