

Hampden Conservation Commission (HCC)

Mar 25 2008 ~~January 29, 2008 Meeting~~
Minutes

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

A. Previous minutes: Minutes from the January 29, 2008 meeting were accepted with minor suggested modifications.

B. New Business

1. Comprehensive Plan – Natural Resources: The Hampden town Council has endorsed the concept of conservation areas and instructed the Comprehensive Plan Committee to incorporate it into the Comp Plan. The idea of publicizing the concept in a “Hampden Highlights” mailing in order to gain public support for the overall concept before laying out all of the specific features was discussed. Public meetings on the shoreland zoning proposal will be needed. Bob suggests separate meetings for different areas (e.g., Hermon Pond, Penobscot River etc.). HCC members will attend.

2. Conservation Award: It is not determined whether the Deighan grant of extensive acreage in Hampden to the Landmark Heritage land trust has been finalized. Betsy Bass was nominated for an award for her years of excellent work guiding the Hampden Environment team. Her nomination was approved and Mark will write a paragraph to forward to the Town Council.

3. Ichabod Lane easement: Mr Snow wants to give land for a conservation easement. ^{at} meeting will be arranged with ~~Don~~, Bob, and the Town Attorney (Mark Russell) and Town Manager (Susan Lessard). *Wally*

4. Town Planner's Report:

a. The Penobscot Nation development proposal will be back for consideration in May. The plan is likely to propose access from the Mayo Road only.

b. The plan for the high school was reviewed and discussed. Conservation issues appear to be minimal.

5. Rain Garden support: In conjunction with a Project Canopy proposal. The HCC may be asked to help build it and/or create signs for it. The likely site is in front of the town office. The HCC will collaborate on signage design at least.

DEP -
6. Gulf-Chevron meeting: On April 2, 2008, involving a natural resource damage settlement for the tank farm off of Rte. 1A where a boom has been in place in the Penobscot River for several years. Leakage is probably due to some failure of tanks but probably more so due to failure of underground connecting pipes. There has been no license to hold fuel in these tanks since the 1990s, Chevron is responsible for cleanup. Coldbrook Energy is interested in refurbishing some tanks for biofuel storage. The cribwork at the site needs replacement too which adds to the cost

and complexity of coming to some arrangement. The Town of Hampden and DEP are in communication about ways to proceed.

D. Old Business

1. Fish Agent: Mike gave Bob the draft of the approved memo.
2. Green Space Signs: Mark will give files to Bob with information needed to place the order.

E. Future Business

1. Mark raised a question about a DEP program through which DEP works with towns to provide periodic collection of compact fluorescent bulbs. Bob was not aware of correspondence to the Town of Hampden on this program, but will investigate.

F. Next meeting date: Next full meeting of the HCC will be April 29, 2008 at 7.