

Hampden Conservation Commission

AGENDA

April 24, 2007, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

1. Introduction of any guests
2. Acceptance of March 2007 minutes
3. Old Business
 - a. Fish Warden
 - b. Conservation Award
 - c. Green space signs
 - i. Finalize design
 - ii. Order signs
 - d. Resource protection for unprotected streams and wetlands
4. New Business
 - a. Forest management on former L.L. Bean property?
 - b. Town Planner's Report

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April 24, 2007 Meeting
Minutes

Present: Don Katnik (Chair), Mark McCollough, Philip Rapp, Mike Robbins (minutes), Phil Stack.

1. Introduction of Guest: No guests this month.

2. Minutes from the March 27, 2007 meeting: Minutes were accepted.

3. Old Business

a. Fish Warden: An e-mail from Wally was read and discussed. His suggestion from his discussion of the issue with Fred Kercheis was to allow limited harvesting of alewives. The harvesting right would be put out to bid. The possibility of finding an existing contract template was discussed and the decision was made to pull this together by early Fall for next year.

b. Conservation Award: The Town Council Ordinance Committee has still not reviewed proposed criteria yet. Don will follow up to find out why there is such a delay.

c. Green Space Signs:

(i) Finalize design: Mark prepped a sign revision. Triangular with Recreation, Conservation & Forestry printed in the sides, Hampden Open Space & Hampden Conservation Commission printed under the triangle, and a picture of hikers in interior.

(ii) Order signs: Final decision on design and materials remain to be made. Mark will get estimates for 8 ½ x 11 blanks for these signs and ATV signs (e.g., no ATVs in wetlands).

(iii) List of places to start posting: Don, Bob and Ed had previously identified 37 sites for signs. Don has started the process of entering GIS coordinates for these places.

d. Conservation Areas: Wally, Mark and Don started work on prioritizing areas, which Gretchen has put on a map. Don will send these maps with quadrants and overlays. The idea of development credits has been discussed at CSC meetings as a conservation tool (e.g. high credit penalty for high priority conservation land).

4. New Business

a. Forest management on former L.L. Bean property: Once the Prentiss & Carlisle mapping is completed a forest management plan for the former L.L. Bean property, and Dorothea Dix Park, will be developed.

b. Resource protection for unprotected streams and wetlands: The need to produce additional map overlays to designate Resource Protection areas was discussed. This would allow a clearer designation of areas where state and federal regulations apply as opposed to zoning done at the discretion of the town. The idea was discussed of providing 75' protection at the town level for such streams as: Webber Brook, Baker Brook (a salmon stream, flows into Cove Stream, Winterport end of town), Sucker Brook (near marina), Cold Brook, Stony Brook (near Main Trail Subdivision). The need to grandfather existing situations, provide for a waiver process etc. was also discussed. Ten acre wetlands qualify for shore land zoning. We'll ask Gretchen for a map of smaller wetlands with buffer possibilities marked eg 75' & 250'. By May, 2008, a revamping of shore land zoning is mandated.

c. Other: Discussion of HCC role in site planning etc. was conducted in response to Phil Stack's question about consideration of hydrology in the process.

May 19th stream clean-up. Marina Rd. – Sucker Brook. Let Gretchen know. Don will e-mail times etc.

With respect to recycling and the transfer station, the suggestion was made to hand out a recycling brochure to people when they come in to buy their annual permit. Mark will bring in the existing brochure for revision.

5. Town Planner's Report: No report this month.

6. Next meeting date: Next full meeting of the HCC will be May 29, 2007.