

**Hampden Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
for
April 25, 2006**

Present: Ed Steltzer (Chair), Bob Osborn, Don Katnik, Mark McCollough, Michael Robbins, and Wally Jakubas (Secretary). Guests Tom Brann

Item 1: Tom Brann -- Alewives fishing & Town Lands

The town council asked the HCC to come up with a recommendation ~~on whether or not~~ to fill the position of town fishing agent. The fishing agent used to administer the fishing for alewives, smelt, and eels off of the Route 1 Bridge on the Souadabscook. These fisheries were halted when we lost our fishing agent. Wally volunteered to look into how state regulates these commercial fisheries.

Item 2: Tom Brann -- Green Space Recommendations

- The Lands Committee would like us to come up with a recommendation for what the town's green space should look like.
- The council would entertain recommendations for specific parcels of land that we would like to set aside (is this the opening we need to implement Beginning with Habitat?).
- Tom indicated that there a possibility of using town funds (other than cash in lieu) for the purchasing of open space lands -- as long as council is given good guidance on what lands to acquire.
- The council is still looking for a proposal for what to do with the LL Bean property.

Item 3: Tom Brann - Tree Planting

The original plan for the economic development park was to plant trees along 202 to hide the development -- did not happen. Tom would like to see trees planted.

Item 4: Approval of Minutes

The March 28, 2006 HCC minutes were approved. All minutes will be sent to Bob Osborn's new e-mail address.

Item 5: Signage for Transfer Station

The HCC voted to have Bob purchase recycling signs and signs explaining the cost for removing the various types of recycling material from the transfer station

Item 6: Project Canopy Grants We discussed creating a forest plan for the business park and Dorothea Dix Park.

Item 7: Open Space Parcel Mapping

It was agreed that we would finish mapping openspace parcels at 5:30 PM, May 23, prior to our regular HCC meeting.

Item 8: Tree Planting on Route 1

We agreed to discuss at the next meeting whether council is looking for a recommendation from us on doing a tree planting along Route 1 or other involvement.