

HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSOIN

AGENDA

TUESDAY, July 25, 2006

7:00 PM

1. Introduction of Guests
2. June Minutes
3. Old Business
  - Dorothea Dix Park -survey -Trail mapping
  - Recycling-order new signs for transfer station
  - 2006 Goal Priorities
  - Approve Conservation Award Criteria - Mark
  - October Hazard Waste Pick-up Day
  - Tree Planting
  - Stream Clean up
  - Open Space mapping
  - Other
4. New Business
  - Recommendations for green space signs
  - Fishing Agent
  - Public in put for trails
  - Bean Property
5. Town Planners Report
6. Next Meeting Date: August 29, 2006 7:00 PM
7. Adjournment

Steve Walker  
Beginning with Habitat

Invite CC and

Talk to Susan about survey

what is the date? Greg Nash  
Filters  
Cable information  
DOT ROW PLAN

202

What towns have fishing Agents - warrens  
and what do they do? web search  
and talk to towns.

## **Hampden Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes for July 25, 2006**

Present: Ed Steltzer (Chair), Bob Osborn, Don Katnik, and Wally Jakubas (Secretary).

### **Item 1: Approval of June 27 Minutes**

Minutes were approved as written.

### **Item 2: August 29 Meeting**

Steve Walker will be coming to the August meeting. Town council members and members of the Open Space Committee will be invited. It was suggested that we ask Steve Walker to come prepared to discuss

- the laws and rules that govern the use of open space,
- tools available to towns for setting aside open space,
- what can the different state agencies do to help towns that are ready to select open space lands,
- how to incorporate Beginning w/ Habitat concepts of large land block preservation into site plans, as they are submitted, that often deal with small parcels of open space.

### **Item 3: Dorothea Dix Park**

Dorothea Dix Park has not been surveyed yet, despite approval for the survey over a year ago. We will try to motivate Kurt to do the survey.

### **Item 4: Signage for Transfer Station**

Recycling signs have been made and are posted at the town's transfer station. Don will review the wording for a sign for the demolition debris area and Ed will have the sign printed.

### **Item 5: Goal Priorities**

We are on track in meeting our annual goals.

### **Item 6: Hazardous Waste Day**

- Flyers will be made for distribution at Edwards Supermarket again.
- This year we will need to emphasize that latex paint is not considered a hazardous waste item.
- It was suggested that in order to reduce people's waiting time when they go to dispose of hazardous waste that morning and afternoon tickets be distributed to people. Rosemary could give out the tickets when people come into the town office to register the hazardous waste items they will be disposing of.
- Bob will find what date the hazardous waste day will be held. Mike and Don will coordinate making posters and flyers for the event. An effort will be made to put posters on the town bulletin board and advertise the event on cable TV.

**Item 7: Tree Planting**

Route 1 and 202 by Rooks were suggested as places to plant trees. Bob needs to talk to DOT to see the amount of right-of-way is available for tree planting.

**Item 8: Stream Clean-up**

Bob thinks that next year the HCC should get involved early on in the planning process of the stream clean-up in order to get towns people to participation more in the event. This year the clean up was not brought to the Commission's attention until the last minute and it was one of our annual goals.

There are major erosion problems on Sucker Brook that need to be looked into. The town or another agency (e.g., DEP) needs to talk to landowners about reducing erosion near the stream. It was suggested that the HCC visit the brook prior to our August meeting.

**Item 9: Plat Maps**

It was suggested that we continue working on delineating the town's open space areas on plat maps the day that we look at erosion problems on Sucker Brook.

**Item 10: Fisheries Agent**

A document needs to be drawn up for council outlining our reservations concerning hiring a Fish Warden. Wally was volunteered to do this. We should probably investigate which towns in Maine have a fishing agent or fish Warden. Because the fish in the Souadabscook is a resource that goes outside the town, other towns should be contacted to see if they are willing to share an agent.

**Item 11: Bean Property**

It was suggested that many of the public activities that currently occur on the Bouchard's property could be transferred to the LL Bean property if the area was permanently set aside for development.

**Item 12: Town Planners Report**

Linda Williams' Kennebec Rd. Development. They would like to put in 29 lots for affordable housing. Bob has some doubts about this project. We should check to see if this land is zoned for waterfowl and wading bird habitat because of the large amount of wetlands that are adjacent to the property.