

HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSOIN

AGENDA

TUESDAY, June 27, 2006

7:00 PM

1. Introduction of Guests
2. April Minutes
3. Old Business
 - Dorothea Dix Park -survey -Trail mapping
 - Recycling-order new signs for transfer station
 - 2006 Goal Priorities
 - Rewrite Conservation Award Criteria – Mark
 - October Hazard Waste Pick-up Day
 - Tree Planting
 - Stream Clean up
 - Open Space mapping
 - Other
4. New Business
5. Town Planners Report
6. Next Meeting Date: July 25, 2006 7:00 PM
7. Adjournment

**Hampden Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
for
June 27, 2006**

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

Item 1: Approval of Minutes

There was considerable discussion about the intent of the council in asking the HCC to come up with a recommendation on whether to fill the position of town fishing agent. Bob Osborn asked the minutes reflect that the town would like to fill the position. Corrections were made to the minutes and the minutes were approved.

Item 2: Town Fishing Agent

The HCC agreed to try to gather more information and report to the town council on whether they thought it was a good idea to fill the position of fishing agent. A number of outstanding questions still exist regarding compensation, management of the fisheries, ability to find a competent person, how the state would manage the fisheries if the town didn't, and whether towns should be involved in fisheries management at all.

Item 3: Conservation Award Criteria

Mark McCollough used the conservation award criteria from Ithaca, NY as a template for crafting Hampden's Award Criteria. Suggestions were made to develop a ranking system and assign points to the criteria. A motion was made that Mark should redraft the criteria, and that the criteria should be presented to the town council. The HCC unanimously agreed that Mark did a great job on the criteria.

Item 4: Transfer Station Sign

Don Katnik agreed to draft the wording for a sign for the demolition debris pit at the transfer station that informed people about the cost of disposing of debris.

Item 5: Hazardous Waste Pick-up Day

Mike and Don will take the lead in organizing the October hazardous waste pick-up day.

Item 6: Thank-you and Recognition Letter

The HCC will send a letter to the Girl and Boy Scouts who participated in the Hampden Marina cleanup to recognize their contribution to the community and thank them for their efforts.

Item 7: Open space

We agreed to get together at least one more time to delineate open space on the town's plot maps.

Mark McCollough will look into creating signage that can be used to delineate the town's open space lands.

Item 8: Town Planner's Report

We discussed the phase II plan of the Hawthorne Ridge subdivision. The HCC felt that public access should be provided for open space lands set aside along the Souadabscook Stream.

Item 9: August Meeting

It was agreed to devote the August 29th meeting to open space planning. Steve Walker, who is working on the Beginning with Habitat Program at the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, will be invited (Don will invite Steve). Town council members will also be asked if they want to attend this meeting.