

**Approved meeting minutes
Huntington Conservation Commission (HCC)
June 9, 2011**

Meeting began 7:06pm, adjourned at 9:09pm

Commissioners in attendance: Wally Jenkins (chair), Roman Livak, Margaret Fowle, Laura Hill Birmingham, Alan Brace

Absent: Cassandra Wilday, Sally Hillary

Wally called the meeting to order at 7:06pm

Review and approve minutes, review mail

- Minutes approved with amendments by Wally and Alan

Public questions and comments

- No public questions

2012 Huntington Wildlife and Scenic Calendar

- *Pictures*
 - As of now, we don't have enough pictures for the calendar, but the deadline isn't until June 15
 - Wally suggests that we wait for the deadline and then reassess the calendar
- *Nature and Conservation notes*
 - General trout fishing date, but no other fishing dates
 - Margaret suggested including a note about the Fish and Wildlife website
 - Alan asked for commissioner's opinions about what hunting and trapping dates to include. It was decided to include bear, trout, deer, and turkey.
 - Federal Holidays, Town Meeting, Conservation Commission meeting day/time (may list other committee dates, if possible), daylight savings time, solstices and equinoxes, Long Trail opening/closing date (Memorial Day) as a note
 - Wally jotted down some nature and conservation notes
 - Margaret prefers including more "conservation" notes (i.e., beware of turtles crossing the road) than "nature" notes (i.e., pine siskins visiting feeders) because the goal is education. Some ideas: June – turtle crossing, Nov deer car collision, deer ticks and lyme disease – May through July

Zoning Regulations

- Roman thinks the current 100' buffer distance from river and streams is egregious in the town plan
- He thinks the current regulations hurt landowners in taking away a significant portion of their land and it affects them unfairly

- Alan mentions his experience that riprap protects small trees and shrubs to give them time to take hold, so buffer planting is what works in the long term, not just riprap
- Important to include detailed information on agricultural soils, prioritized into best spots for certain kinds of agriculture
- Wildlife connectivity program – training for tracking, etc
- Laura will talk to Jeffrey Hughes and Walt Poleman about coming to a meeting
- Margaret mentioned that we had ~\$1500 remaining in the FY10 budget

Other business

- Roman motioned to put the extra money in FY10 toward Laura's clerk salary in FY11
- It was decided to seek a volunteer to take minutes in FY11 and Laura will send a Front Porch Forum email asking for volunteers

Adjourn 9:09 pm

Date unapproved minutes to town clerk: June 10, 2011
Date approved minutes to town clerk: July 14, 2011

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