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Approved Meeting Minutes
Huntington Conservation Commission
January 15, 2013

Commissioners in attendance: Roman Livak, Cindy Sprague, JB Bryan, Margaret Fowle, Jim Sadler (arrived at 7:17)
Other attendees: Tim Taft and Leon Stokes arrived at 8

Meeting called to order at 7:10

Review and approve minutes, review mail:

- December Meeting minutes approved: Roman motions to approve, JB seconds

Public questions and comments:

- No public questions and comments

Current Project Updates:

ECOS

- We did not get municipal planning grant.
- Do not at present know what responsibilities are.

Riparian Talk

- Tuesday, February 5th at 6:30 at Library, focus on preventative measures for next flood event. Need to get word out and posters up. Want to be able to sign people up at events to do the plantings. Incentivize with $10 coupon.

Salamanders

- Stencil for making signs is done; will be a few dollars each, order a few hundred of them.
- Plan for signage- ones up whole season, and 6 sandwich board signs for critical crossing nights
- Establish network of volunteers to put up salamander signage
- Determine action plan at next February meeting

Town Plan

- Table for next meeting

CSWD

- Meeting in December was cancelled, no updates

Sugar Makers Open House Discussion- trying to make more coordinated group effort so that no one sugar maker or HCC does all the work.

Timing

- March 23rd preferred date. March 27th- April 5th is typically peak of sugaring. States open house is on the 23rd; priority to stick with the Boy Scouts

Tasks

- **Updating Brochure**- Aaron Worthley will do the updating after participants are clarified. Add to brochure that: you're welcome to stop in at any time to stop in and check out the process at any time- If steam's rising stop on in.
- **PR**- Margaret Taft will do PR to newspapers, radio, etc. HCC will do Times Ink and FPF

HCC role

- Sugar makers are too busy this time of year so HCC needs to lead on this

Member recruitment

- Cindy motions to make recommendation to Selectboard to appoint Rebecca for lengthier position- pending approval after Cindy distributes Rebecca's letter of interest to HCC members via email. If there is majority approval, Cindy will forward letter of interest to Barbara at town office. Roman seconds. Unanimously approved.
- Roman motions to recommend Leah for the remaining one year term to Selectboard. Margaret Seconds. JB & Cindy approves, Jim abstains.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 19th 7-9pm
Meeting adjourned- Roman moved to adjourn meeting, Jim seconded. Passed unanimously.
Action Items:
Riparian Talk

- Roman will look into timing of Times Ink to see if they can advertise Riparian talk
- Roman will find previously created list of targeted contact people for riparian planting, distribute to HCC, and talk to Betty Wheeler, Rose King, the Haskins, Blodgett;
  JB will talk to Joe Spence, Sarah Jane and Jim Fecteau;
  Margaret will talk to Ginger L., Eric Paola, Chris B.

Salamanders

- JB will ask Reuben about doing salamander talk for kids at school
- Roman will work with Gary about salamander signs, determine what expected costs will be. Jim will find digital file to pass along to Gary. Explore 6 reflective sandwich board signs for hot spots. By February meeting we will have a plan in case salamanders move in March.
- Cindy- FPF add looking for volunteers to help with salamander signage

Sugar makers open house

- JB will check in with sugar makers to make sure they want to be on the list and see if they have any specialty. Make effort to get smaller enterprises involved as educational opportunities for people interested in smaller scale sugaring. Due by next meeting.
- Cindy will place add in Times Ink for Sugar Makers open house
- Margaret will talk to Heidi about Boy Scout involvement- sandwich boards and brochure distribution

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