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****Approved** Meeting Minutes
Huntington Conservation Commission
April 16, 2013**

Commissioners in attendance: Cindy Sprague, Margaret Fowle, Rebecca Ryan, Roman Livak,
Jim Sadler

Meeting called to order at: Margaret calls meeting to order at 7:15

****Please Note- May meeting will be on May 28th at 7pm****

Review and approve minutes, review mail:

- March minutes approved; Roman motioned to approve; Margaret seconds- all in favor
- Jim Martin letter: issues with salamander crossing signs on his property on Delfrate. Selectboard must authorize signs being put up, and then Road Crew must put them up for official installation.

Public Questions and Comments:

- No public questions and/or comments

Town Hall Renovation: Aaron Worthley & Barbara Feletti

- Town Hall Committee (THC) working on accessibility package to building- ramp, elevator, ADA compliant bathroom, emergency exit from second floor. This is first step in bringing building back to full usability.
- Building also needs new roof and is being painted this summer, needs insulation and heating system. Electrical system update throughout building. Potentially completely new kitchen off back?
- Selectboard recommended conversation between THC & HCC- Selectboard thinks HCC fund is best and most appropriate source of town funding for this project.
- THC is looking for funds to help leverage additional grants or funding sources.
- This meeting is first step in conversation. If they get grant funds, they won't need HCC funds, but potentially in the future will need matching funds. Will know by Sept/Oct about funding, if came through then would be ready to work Spring 2014.
- Summary of survey feedback from town residents (done in 2010, 155 respondents): roughly 82% wanted to renovate building (50/50 split amongst those respondents of whether or they not support use of town funds for renovation). Full results of survey available at THC website.
- HCC thinks this project is consistent with use of funds- would be helpful to go over criteria of HCC fund with THC before submission or request.
- HCC would like minimum of two months to consider any application for use of funds.

Project Updates

Sugarmakers wrap up

- Hopefully JB will write thank you letter to sugar makers, boy scouts, and Heidi

Riparian buffer project – Thursday, May 2, starting at 9:30

- Occurring at neighborhood across from Texas Hill Rd.

- Need volunteers to help plant on Thursday morning, Margaret will put something on FPF and put up brochures- need RSVP
- How to use as educational experience for town members?
- Roman planning on going

Salamanders –

- Roman will follow up about more permanent signs/posts

Invasive Species–

- Letter drafted seeking approval from Selectboard for Keith Thompson, County Forester, to do invasives mapping and make recommendations **Roman motions to send letter to Selectboard; Jim seconds;**
- ‘Host your neighbor parties’~ 280 properties in area focus area. HCC should coordinate these ‘parties’ that have educational event, talk from Keith about invasives, hands on demonstration (but not a work party) control/mitigation strategies - and then some sort of potluck/social.
- Who would could host? Shelly & Eric; town property- Recreation field or town hall;
- How many? 40-50 max. Invite people in phases- core group, gauge interest, then invite second tier. Use phone tree to personally invite people.
- Other towns will run their meetings and we can learn from them; HCC members will have access to trainings to host these events
- Follow up on parsnip discussion with road crew: none

ECOS grant –.

- Cindy will go to meeting 4/18/2013
- Last meeting was about hiring an outreach coordinator
- Next meeting May 6th at Jericho Town Hall- Jim is planning on going
- We’re going to need to recruit diverse group of folks for community mapping project May 29th to get community member stakeholder involvement – start email list of nominations
- Nominate 20 folks and try to get half to attend- big land owners, diversity of interest/skills: XC skiing, sugar maker, mountain bikers, farmers, etc.

CSWD–

- Jim Christianson has volunteered to go since HCC is unable to attend meetings
- 2K in funds from CSWD- Rover? Green Up day? Electronics? Mattresses?

Project Leader Assignments- Discussion tabled till May meeting

- Who’s going to what meetings? What are priorities?

9:20 Cindy motions to end meeting, Margaret seconds, all in favor

Next Steps

JB- Write thank you letters to sugar makers, Boy Scouts, and Heidi for help/involvement

Margaret- outreach for volunteers for May 2nd riparian planting; talk to Barbara about posting ppt. to website; get erosion hazard information

Roman- explore permanent posts for salamander signs

Cindy- Send letter to Selectboard re: Keith & invasives

Jim- Follow up with road crew regarding parsnip BMP's, reach out to Everett about attendance for ECOS meeting, Start email thread for list of who to recruit for ECOS meeting- add interest

Jim- let Barbara know we're ok with Jim going to CSWD meetings

ALL- Review town plan

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