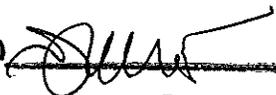




**Huntington Conservation Commission**  
**Thursday, November 13, 2014**  
**7:00 pm at Huntington Town Office Lower Level**

**Agenda**

- 7:00 Review and approve minutes from last meeting, review mail
- 7:05 Public Comment
- 7:10 Town Forest
  - o Review of discussion with Selectboard on Oct 17
  - o Discuss funding opportunities
  - o Next steps
- 8:00 HCC Work Plan
  - o Review draft work plan (town forest, ECOS project, storm water, amphibian crossings, wild parsnip and emerald ash borer education, special places, other?)
  - o Finalize priorities, timelines and lead on each project
- 8:50 Other business/Updates
- 9:00 Adjourn

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 DATE January 7, 2015

Commissioners present: Margaret Fowle (co-Chair), Rebecca Ryan (co-Chair), Darlene Palola, Roman Livak, Sheri Lynn (arrived 7:18pm)  
 Commissioner absent: JB Bryan  
 No public present

7:05 meeting called to order

Minutes: Roman motioned to approve minutes of 9 Oct 2014 with minor edits. Rebecca second, passed unanimously.

Town Forest: Purchase of Mayo Rd parcel for town forest. Parcel is not on the market. Margaret will follow up with SB regarding letter to landowner. Site control document or letter of agreement will be needed to pursue funding through VHCB (or similar entity). Margaret will explore further what these documents entail and their associated costs. VCHB application deadline needs definition. This will drive when we will need purchase and sales agreement and appraisal.

Rebecca motioned that the commission write Lynda Swannie a letter to solicit feedback and possible time line. Roman seconded, passed unanimously.

The access to the Town Forest is problematic and needs some solidity. Land is adjacent to the State Forest with thin soils and steep slopes. Harvest is difficult due to terrain and distance from road. Community input is needed to determine usage and access.

Work Plan: updated

**Huntington Conservation Commission Work Plan 2015**

Program/Activity	Action Items	Lead	Target dates
Town Forest - New	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determine owner's intention (SB and HCC)</li> <li>• Site control agreement</li> <li>• Funding source for appraisal</li> <li>• Have property appraised</li> <li>• Determine funding options (may inc. sale of old TF)</li> </ul>		Dec 2014
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community engagement throughout</li> </ul>		Dec 2015

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase land</li> </ul>		
Town Forest - Old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage community what to do with current TF.</li> <li>• Determine adjacent owners' approval to access TF via letter and TF report.</li> <li>• Talk to CHNSA about trail plans.</li> <li>• Obtain access or consider selling.</li> </ul>		June 2016
ECOS project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review VNRC Report and make recommends to HPC.</li> <li>• Wildlife Tracking project with the community.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February</li> </ul>
Storm water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant: Times Ink article, Part I &amp; II</li> <li>• Work with state to develop recommendations for town managing roads to reduce run off.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April issue</li> <li>• May issue</li> </ul>
Amphibian crossings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Times Ink/FPF</li> <li>• Signage</li> <li>• Develop flyer</li> <li>• Volunteer outreach</li> </ul>		January planning
Wild parsnip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Times Ink/FPF</li> <li>• Times Ink Insert</li> <li>• Document high priority roads</li> <li>• Work with road crew for mowing</li> </ul>		
Wild ash borer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subcommittee</li> </ul>		
Special Places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create events/locations</li> </ul>		
Huntington River Monitoring?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>		

Etc:

Other organizations? TEC, CCRPC, etc.

Other business/Updates

Budget questions from selectboard were discussed, Margaret will supply our answers to selectboard. Darlene attended annual AVCC meeting, reporting that the conference was most informative, in particular, forest conservation and stormwater.

8:58 meeting adjourned. Roman motioned, Sheri second, unanimous