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****Approved** Meeting Minutes
Huntington Conservation Commission
March 18, 2014**

Commissioners in attendance: Rebecca Ryan, Roman Livak, JB Bryan, Margaret Fowle (arrived at 7:45)

Roman calls meeting to order at 7:05

Review and approve minutes, review mail:

- Belated letter allowing access for ECOS study for Charlie Smith Rd. property arrived
- Margaret motions to approve draft minutes; JB seconds- all in favor; motions passes

Public Questions and Comments:

- Mark Wisniowski in attendance as potential new member to HCC

Project Updates

ECOS- maps

- Maps are in process of getting printed at RPC
- Maps are available for free on Arrowwood website, along with recommendations
- If wildlife habitat is verified by ECOS study and maps, this could help leverage formal town support of installation of signage for amphibian crossings.
- Should schedule time during HCC meeting to review maps and brainstorm how best to use them for town signage.
- Could share with 4 Winds school program for use in curriculum next year.
- Rebecca will look at recommendations on ECOS website for suggestions for best use of maps, to be discussed at next meeting
- HCC's role is education, natural resources inventory & monitoring and regulations (if any) are up to SB and Planning Commission

Amphibian Crossing

- Good project for Boy Scouts to put up signage.
- Cindy is still spearheading signage efforts

Sugarmakers Open House

- Need big signs to be put up- must contact Heidi
- Need reminder posting on FPF

Gillette Pond Dam Update

- FoGP made proposal to Girl Scouts, but meeting to discuss was postponed due to weather
- HCC may potentially receive requests for use of conservation fund
- Duncan Keir mentioned potential application to Conservation fund at Selectboard meeting.

Conservation Fund Review Process

- Balance in Conservation Fund is near \$200K
- Process for changing application process document- need to draft changes and propose to Selectboard
- Make all changes discussed last time.
- Change Point 6 in Conservation Fund Application Process to include section from last meeting minutes that “If HCC does not feel request adequately reflects the significance of the project, then HCC will ask applicant to resubmit application for different amount.”
- HCC should request time on the Selectboard agenda to discuss. Email Barbara to see if she could get on agenda
- Barbara hopefully will have copy of Conservation Fund Application Process in word form to be edited
- Review form looks great- thanks Rebecca!

HCC Membership Recruitment

- Andy Carlo expressed interest at Town Fair
- Roman discussed with Sherry Lynn
- Vonnie Ogelvie- can't come to Tuesday meetings, but could potentially come on different night
- Anne Dannenburg- potentially interested, but not excited about evening meetings
- Evening timing is difficult for people to commit
- Planning Commission just switched their meetings from Monday night to Tuesday night (starting in April). **Switch meetings to second Thursday of the month (April 10th would then be next meeting).**

Energy Commission/Committee

- Potential of combining these commissions since both are having hard time recruiting members
- Current Energy Committee members listed in recent town report
- HCC would need to have clear understanding of how HCC could be best involved in energy issues. Could Energy Committee come discuss potential collaboration with HCC?
- There are a lot of members on the Energy Committee, could not combine commissions or there would be too many.
- How would this affect fund review process? To expand scope of Fund, would perhaps have to go before the voters to gain approval.

Other Business/Next meeting

- Discuss Host Your Neighbor event at next meeting
- Discuss outreach plan for poison parsnips removal
- Salamander-signage will be up by then.
- Rebecca Ryan sighted a bald eagle on the river in Richmond!

Next Steps

- Rebecca- look at recommendations for ECOS website
- Roman- check in with Heidi about putting signs up for Sugarmakers open house; Roman and JB can put signs up

- Rebecca- check in with Margaret about posting on FPF about sugar makers open house
- Rebecca- email Barbara about fund application document to edit, and to get permission for Selectboard agenda
- Margaret- email Cindy about status of maps at Arrowwood
- Roman- tell Barbara about HCC meeting time change to Thursdays
- Margaret- reach out to members from Energy Committee; JB-reach out to Brett to see if they'll come to next meeting
- Margaret- post reminder about Sugaring Open House to FPF

8:20 JB motions to end meeting, Rebecca seconds, all in favor; motion passes

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