

**Hamilton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting of November 6, 2013
Meeting held at Hamilton Town Hall**

Commissioners present:

Stacy Carpenter, Virginia Cookson, Bob Cronin, Richard Luongo (chair), George Tarr.

Staff present:

Jim Hankin, Conservation Coordinator

Others present for a portion of the meeting:

Dr. Celeste Bowler, Assistant Superintendent HWRSD

Richard Luongo opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Jim Hankin noted that the Commission had received an agenda with Environmental Education proposal for 2013-2014.

Mass Audubon Environmental Education Program 2013-2014 Review Proposal for education workshops, classes for HWRSD Academic Year 2013-2014

Dr. Celeste Bowler presented Environmental Education proposal for 2013-2014 and thanked the Commission for continued support of the educational program. Jim Hankin explained that traditionally the Commission reviews the information, funding is sought from Wenham (the municipality was approached last year) and if that doesn't happen then the Commission will make up the financial difference for the program. Last year Dr. Bowler pursued support funding from Wenham and was directed to the HW Ed Fund or friends of the schools group. Richard Luongo recommended that Wenham be contacted again this year.

Dr. Bowler explained that any donations for the school district would be voted on by HW School Committee as directed by the Superintendent of Schools. Discussion ensued about how Wenham usually says no to assist with funding for the Environmental Education program and that Hamilton funds the entire program and some Commissioners suggested that Wenham should do its fair share. Dr. Bowler agreed to seek financial support from Wenham again this year. Mr. Luongo said the Commission would table its vote until the next meeting.

Violation Notice (Awaiting Board of Health review, place on Nov. 20 agenda)

84 Old Cart Rd

Shed in wetlands, no HCC or Building Department permit

Jeremy and Hannah Fraley land-owners

Mr. Hankin explained that the Board of Health informed prepared so Jeremy Fraley that he must file a detailed application to properly apply for all variances that he needs to keep the animals on this undersized lot. The Board of Health had not heard a response from Mr. Fraley for several weeks and the Health Agent sent a firm email instructing Mr. Fraley to deal with the situation. Mr. Fraley said he would file the application with the Board of Health by Monday, November 11 and this matter will be addressed at the next Board of Health meeting scheduled for first week in December. Mr. Hankin said hopefully this will be presented to the Board of Health in a proper manner so that board can take action. Mr. Luongo noted that due to the current time of year, Mr.

Fraley would not be able to do any new construction until the spring. Mr. Hankin suggested this matter be rescheduled to the Commission's only December meeting agenda.

Certificate of Compliance

448 Chebacco Road,

DEP file number 172-0048

Certificate of Title number 50705, document number 180589; 12/10/1981.

The subject property is scheduled for a closing soon and this "ancient" OOC cropped up in the title search. The OOC covers installation of a septic system in 1981. Mr. Hankin had reviewed the Board of Health file and made a quick inspection. Applicant has paid the late COC fee.

Mr. Hankin referred to the site plan for the septic system, showed the Commission photographs of the property and described how the property has access through wetlands. Mr. Hankin said the property is up for sale, there is a registered Order of Conditions with no Certificate of Compliance from 1981 for the septic system that is required. Mr. Hankin described how the small property is located on a wooded lot and he recommended the Commission issue the Certificate of Compliance.

Bob Cronin moved that the Conservation Commission issue the Certificate of Compliance for 448 Chebacco Road. Virginia Cookson seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Discussion: Commissioners to list topics for discussion at HCC meeting of November 20, 2013. Nov. 20 and Dec. 11 are the last 2 HCC meetings for 2013.

Mr. Hankin explained that for the Commission's November 20 meeting he expects documentation from Bill Manuell regarding proposed pool project on Bridge Street. Also, Mr. Manuell has been hired by the Masseys to assist with their fence project.

The Commission will address its October 23, 2013 meeting minutes at its November 20 meeting.

Mr. Cronin moved to adjourn. Ms. Cookson seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Commission adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Minutes submitted November 11, 2013 by Jane Dooley