

**Hamilton Conservation Commission  
Minutes of Meeting of June 20, 2012  
Meeting held at Hamilton Town Hall**

Commissioners present:

Stacy Carpenter, Virginia Cookson (7:40 p.m.), Robert Cronin, Peter Dana, Richard Luongo (chair), George Tarr

Staff present:

Jim Hankin, Conservation Coordinator

The Commission is scheduled to meet next at 7:30 p.m. on June 27, 2012 at Hamilton Town Hall. Site walks are scheduled for Sat. July 7, 2012.

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Richard Luongo opened the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Conservation Coordinator Jim Hankin noted that prior to this meeting Commissioners received copies of a memo from the Hamilton Department of Public Works regarding the proposed installation of a fence at 41 Ortins Rd.

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Request for Determination

41 Ortins Rd.

Tom Geary, owner and applicant

Install fence in no build zone, but outside no disturb zone

Conservation Commissioner Jim Hankin reported that the Hamilton Department of Public Works has given its consent for installation of a fence at 41 Ortins Rd. on a portion of a Town drainage easement. The DPW superintendent reports that the owner understands that if the Town ever needs to utilize the easement, the fence may need to be removed.

Robert Cronin made a motion for the Commission to grant a negative determination. Peter Dana seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

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Certificate of Compliance

Chebacco Woods

Chebacco Woods Land Management Committee (CWLMC), applicant

Yellow dot trail improvements

DEP #172-0520, Order of Conditions recorded book 28119 page 6, recorded Oct. 28, 2008

Certificate of Compliance

Chebacco Woods

Chebacco Woods Land Management Committee (CWLMC), applicant

White dot trail improvements

DEP #172-0467, Order of Conditions recorded book 25536 page 419, recorded April 26, 2005

Mr. Hankin recapped details of the Orders of Conditions issued for trail work in Chebacco Woods, and the reason a Certificate of Compliance has been requested at this time. The towns of Manchester and Hamilton purchased woodland acreage from Gordon College in the mid-1990s which is now known as Chebacco Woods. The CWLMC had the land surveyed soon after it was

acquired and found two encroachments: a septic system extending from one parcel into Chebacco Woods, and a section of lawn extending into Chebacco Woods from another parcel. The CWLMC reached agreement with both property owners for land swaps so the septic system and existing lawn could remain in use; the owners agreed to deed to the CWLMC other, somewhat larger, portions of their property. State review, and approval by the state and Town Meetings, played out over several years. In the meantime, the Commission granted Orders of Conditions to the CWLMC to improve the yellow dot and white dot trails; that work was completed years ago, but the CWLMC never requested Certificates of Compliance (COCs). The land swap deeds are being prepared, and an attorney involved has requested that those OOCs be resolved with COCs before the land is legally transferred.

Mr. Hankin distributed photos he recently took of the work sites on both trails. He recapped the details of the permitted work and said it was done as specified.

Virginia Cookson made a motion for the Commission to issue Certificates of Compliance for both Orders of Conditions. Robert Cronin seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

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#### Approval of Minutes

Peter Dana made a motion for the Commission to accept the minutes of the meeting of May 23, 2012 as presented. Robert Cronin seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

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#### Election of Officers

Virginia Cookson made a motion for the Commission to accept Richard Luongo's offer to serve another year as chair of the Commission. Robert Cronin seconded the motion. VOTE: Commissioners approved the motion 5-0-1. (Mr. Luongo recused himself.)

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Mr. Hankin informed Commissioners of two topics on the agenda for the next meeting: roadwork on Gregory Island, and wading pool repairs and associated work at Bradley Palmer State Park. He noted that the current terms of commissioners Peter Dana, Richard Luongo and Stacy Carpenter would expire June 30, 2012, and said he would inform the Board of Selectmen of this; all three indicated they are willing to serve another term.

Robert Cronin made a motion for the Commission to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Stacy Carpenter seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Minutes submitted June 21, 2012 by Ann Sierks Smith