

HOPKINTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Notice of Regular Meeting or Workshop and Agenda
Tuesday, May 12, 2009 7:00 PM
TOWN HALL

*Approved Minutes
 Harvey Buford, Chair
 6-9-09*

- A. Call to order: 7:20pm present: Harvey Buford, Dorothy Gardiner, Lucas Marsh, Gary Marsh.
- B. Administrative:
- 1) Approve Minutes from 1-13-09 and 4-14-09 Regular Meetings, 4-13-09 Special Meeting (Dorothy). Special Meeting. Dorothy noted that this informational meeting, given by the State of RI, was recorded and attendance records taken by the presenter. Regular Meeting minutes are approved.
 - 2) Annual Reorganization: Harvey Buford, Chair, Dorothy Gardiner, recorder, Lucas Marsh, Vice Chair, ~~Lucas Marsh~~. Unanimous approval and acceptance.
 - 3) Budget Freeze: discussed. We are unclear regarding how long the budget freeze may last, but discussed funding needed for Stream Water Monitoring, memberships in Conservation Groups, which are usual and customary expenses needed to obtain support, education, monitoring and advice on environmental issues. Currently due are: \$100 for RIACC, \$1600 for Wood Pawcatuck Watershed Association for stream water monitoring.
 - 4) Stream Water Monitoring Coordinator Discussion: Harvey will ask if Wood Pawcatuck Watershed Association would assign an intern to do the collection and then return the samples for testing. Currently, two places on Parmenter and Tomaquag brook are sampled. Harvey will call Denise (Wood Pawcatuck Watershed Association) regarding the availability of an intern to sample and submit samples for testing. Also, Bob Minor, a local resident, will be contacted to see if he has any interest in conducting these studies for us.
- C. Featured Discussion:
- 1) Loves Travel Stop Land Development and Zoning Board Applications. Dorothy Gardiner and Gary Marsh will speak on issues that will be present if this applicant goes forward with plans to build a Love's Travel Stop. The plan is to appear at the next meeting of the Planning Board. Gary Marsh will work on contacting neighbors of the planned Love's Travel Stop, and ask for their support. Lucas Marsh will also prepare for the upcoming Planning board meeting, and provide information as needed.
- D. Other Business: None discussed
- E. Planner / Planning Board / Zoning Board / Land Trust / Town Council Actions.
 Vote for the Land Trust Bond is coming up, and members are urged to support

this bond. Planning board meetings regarding Love's Travel Stop were discussed, as well as possible future meetings with the Zoning Board. Discussion revolved around the proximity of Love's Travel Stop to existing wells, and the concern for the aquifer, as well as light and air pollution. The need for passage of the well head protection was discussed. Noted that the Town Council will discuss this, as well as the Planning Board at upcoming meetings. The delay in passing updated maps is attributed to a delay in completing requests for approval, as well as awaiting a new GIS person.

- F. Project Assignments / Action Items: Dorothy Gardiner and Lucas Marsh will prepare information and queries for Love's Travel Stop. Harvey Buford will contact Denise and Bob Miner regarding stream monitoring.
- G. Correspondence, Misc. None
- H. Members Forum: None
- I. Public Forum:
- J. Adjournment: 9:15 pm. Unanimous

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