

**Harpswell Conservation Commission
Minutes
June 29, 2016**

Opened Meeting: 3:02 PM.

Attendance: Mary Ann Nahf, Deirdre Strachan, Wendy Batson, Sue Vachon, Ann Nemrow, Anne Perry, Burr Taylor, Paul Ciesielski, Mark Eyerman, Consultant Planner.

Approval of 6/15 Minutes: The minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

Announcements:

- Matt Craig will attend HCC's July 20 meeting and talk about road crossings and restrictions in the Town.
- Non Residents Tax Meeting July 11, 6:30 PM at the Harpswell Community School. HCC will display posters derived from the Forecaster article listing the who/what/where of SLR, an outline of the new Pesticide ordinance and a signup sheet for road association groups.
- Tail Gate and Recreate day at Mitchell Field, July 16 from 11:00 - 2:00. HCC will present a fun punched exhibit to attract youngsters to pollinators. Resident Jeremy Lynch will bring information on Monarchs and milkweed, and will have a supply of small milkweed plants and seeds available for those interested persons.

Updates:

Highlights from 6/21 Workshop on Roads: "Resilience to Changing Weather."

Attendance: M. Nahf noted that of 287 letters sent, 35 attended, including members representing Gun Point, High Head, Tondreau Pt. Rd., Interdale Rd., Long Reach Lane and Wallace Shore Rd. Four of the other road affected areas remained unrepresented. Additional ways should be explored to motivate a broader based attendance.

Cost v Resources: Concern was expressed about how a road association might make the best use of limited funds. The speaker from Cumberland County Soil and Water District proffered the availability of engineering services for a nominal sum to official road associations. This would provide the basis for future planning of road restoration projects, with guidelines for dimensions, materials and techniques to assure the best cost effective results. The Gun Point Road Assoc. has already availed itself of these engineering services and plans to have a representative attend their 7/9 annual meeting.

Road Association List: B. Taylor will maintain a list of road associations with key information for future contact purposes. He will also follow up on those who signed up at the workshop welcoming them and verifying their information.

Tidal Marshes and Crossings: Matt Craig, Casco Bay Estuary Partnership, explained that dollars and engineering services are available for mitigation and salt marsh migration due to SLR. He suggests the Town should plan parameters for expanded land availability at least 30 yrs. ahead.

Powerpoint Presentation: S. Vachon has offered to clarify the directions for using the interactive map and Google Earth. The reference material regarding sea level rise will be added to the website soon.

Annual Budget for HCC's 2017 Activities:

- M. Eyerman explained the difference between an Annual budget that runs from January to December and the Town's budget that cannot be implemented until adopted at the Town's Annual Meeting in March.
- The HCC budget must be submitted before September.
- W. Batson suggested members refer to the 2016-2017 Mission Statement to determine what funds are needed to implement the set Goals and Objectives:
- Numbers 1, 2, and 3 do not require funding. #3: Costs for mailing *A Resident's Conservation Guide* to new residents is now covered by the Town.
- Number 4 (a) requires funds for two additional workshops on resilience to changing climates.
- Number 4 (b) requires funds for educating citizens on working out changing potable water availability estimates (Refer to P. Ciesielski's potable water report.)
- Number 4 (c): Promote a wakeup call for those who missed the 2016 workshops, and supply funds for additional engineering expertise for a future Selectmen's meeting.
- Number 5 (a) requires two ads, each 250 words, in the *Harpwell Anchor* in the spring pertaining to the recent Pesticide Ordinance. An informational kit that defines recent changes and the reasons why will be available as an outgrowth from roundtable discussions with professional landscapers later in the year.
- Number 10: Funds to attend local and regional conservation conferences. Five sessions at \$80.00 each - \$400.00

To Do:

- W. Batson: To set a budget based on the above, and create a spreadsheet for tasks v. costs for 2017.

Adjourned: 4:50 PM.

Meetings: No meeting 7/6.

Next meeting 7/20 at 3:00 PM.

Scribe: Ann Nemrow