

Conservation Commission Minutes 02/20/2007

Hopkinton Conservation Commission Minutes

February 20, 2007

Meeting at Town Hall

Called to order at 1936 EST by Chairman Owen.

Present: Jed Merrow, Todd Aubertin, Derek Owen and Lee Wilder.

1. Minutes of 01/16/07 were accepted as printed.
2. Derek read a nice letter from Melinda Payson which she sent on 01/05/07 and he received 01/18/07. Melinda expressed her regrets re having to submit this resignation from the HCC. The Board reluctantly accepted her wishes and expressed their appreciation for all these years of dedicated service. Her intellect, good humor and camaraderie will be missed...
3. The Selectmen forwarded several names of Hopkinton Residents interested in serving on the HCC. Discussion followed...the Board will also check with several who have spoken with them.
4. **Derek Owen** will invite Byron Carr to the March 20, 2007 HCC meeting.
5. Notices from DES were presented and discussed:
 - a. Thomas and Barbara Wright of NH Rte. 103 Contoocook re replacing 70' of broken culvert on unnamed brook at their residence, was approved.
 - b. Paul Woetzel of Sugar Hill Rd., re construction of a pond in existing wetland. DES and NHF&G have requested more info., esp. re possible Blanding and Spotted Turtle habitat. **Jed** will check.
6. The HCC was asked to check on "clear-cutting" being done on Upper Straw Road on 02/18/07. Ron investigated and wrote the land owner a letter re logging and wetlands.
7. *Jed discussed recent HCC Budget print-out. Discussion followed. The Board wishes that the Town would be more timely in returning money that they have borrowed from our account. Thus*

the HCC requests that the Selectmen see that financial contributions loaned by the HCC be reimbursed in a more timely manner. A response before our March 20, 2007 meeting would be appreciated.

8. Forest Management plans for recently acquired Town Properties (Bermuda-Harris, Ransmeier Lot (Village Woods), Carson, and Rice) were discussed.

9. **Jed and Lee** will prepare a map for display at the March 2007 Hopkinton Town Meeting that shows recently acquired conservation pieces.

10. **Todd** will check on the status of the Government Land at Kast Hill, re its transfer to the Town.

11. The next HCC meeting is Tuesday March 20, 2007 at 1930 EDT at Town Hall. **Jed Merrow** will host.

Meeting adjourned at 2031 EST.
Respectfully submitted,

Lee Wilder, acting secretary