

Conservation Commission Minutes 09/18/2007

Hopkinton Conservation Commission
Minutes of September 18, 2007
Cabins at Kimball Pond

Those present were: Derek Owen, Tim White, Lee Wilder, Ron Klemarczyk, Erick Leadbeater and Todd Aubertin.

Guests: Terry Cronin and Christine Ojendy

Meeting called to order by D. Owen at 1935 EDT.

1. Guests here re timber cut on 579 Briar Hill Road (Garber property. Map 249, lot 2. Dolf Brook crosses this property). Letter of 09/18/07 from Selectmen. Guests concerned for:

a. Impact on a wetland and brook caused by the “improper location of a temporary driveway (located between the brook and the Cronin property line) installed to remove trees from Garber property.”

b. Number of trees being cut in a “forested wetland and the possible future impacts of run off caused by the extensive removal of trees.”

c. They also claim that “the land has standing water on it for several months during the year.”

Discussion followed. Ron had checked the operation. DES and the State Forester have also visited the site. A temporary driveway permit was given by the Town, for the logging operation. Appears as though the wetland permit was filed the day after cutting/and the driveway construction began. To this point, it appears as though the logger conformed with “current practices.”

Since the logging, Garber and the logger upgraded the logging access road with culverts and better fill. Question as to whether the “temporary” driveway permit allows such an upgraded driveway. Cronin argues that the wetland here at Dolf brook has flooded right up to the pavement on Briar Hill Road (“Mother’s Day flood of 2006, for example). Garber needs to file a standard dredge and fill application with DES to construct a permanent driveway at

this location. The Town has to issue Garber a permanent driveway permit, if he applies.

The Selectmen have requested that the HCC conduct a full independent review...(see their letter of 09/18/07). Ron will write a report to Vanessa Burns (DES) and he will also summarize to Town. Mr. Cronin would also like a copy. Terry Cronin,
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2. Minutes of June 19, 2007 were accepted as written.
3. Tim White still needs to be appointed to the HCC by the Selectmen. The Selectmen may contact Tim at: 223-0750.
4. NH Designated River signs are ready to be printed. Bill should be mailed to the HCC % Derek Owen.
5. Town culverts approved for Branch Londonderry Tpk.
6. Nepvue culvert problem has been remediated ...
7. (Will) Begin Construction LLC violation on Hatfield Road (DES Docket No. AF 06-051), was settled with DES for \$3000.
8. State is putting a permanent cross-over between Exit 6 and 7 on I-89.
9. HCC Budget needed by 09/28/07. Ron has sheet for Bob Blanchette. \$1,665.00 plus \$703.82 for forestry tools (see item #11 i below.)
10. The HCC 2007 Summer Camper will be invited to our October 16, 2007 meeting to relate her Conservation Camp experience.
11. Ron reported:
 - a. Sliding slope, Alan Lewis Forest and Rollins field needs to be mowed. Eric will check with Chris Kloss. Ron will check with John Martin. The HCC voted to pay up to \$1200 for same.
 - b. Asbestos on Rice property was removed. Property needs to be surveyed. Ron will solicit bids for same.
 - c. Stockwell Trust, cluster development on east side of Jewett Road, opposite Allen Lewis property. ~6 A. on west side of Jewett Rd.
 - d. Ron will meet with Selectmen re “intent to cut” filings.

- e. Conservation Warranty Deed for open-space property between I-89 and Irish Hill Rd. has been received.
- f. Ron is starting timber cruises on Ransmeir and Myron pieces. He is planning to work with CHS students on trails.
- g. ~30K bd. ft. of timber on Beyer Lot. Also parking and driveway layout.
- h. Discussion of Tudor Richard's lots #17 and #12.
- i. HFD has new forestry truck. Forestry tools for same? See #9 above.

12. Next HCC meeting scheduled for October 16, 2007 at 1930 at the KLC. Todd Aubertin is host. Thanks Ron for the delicious homemade cake!!