

HCC Minutes 02/29/2008

DRAFT MINUTES

Hopkinton Conservation Commission

MINUTES of 02/19/08

7:50 PM EST @ Town Hall

Those present were: Jed Merrow, Ron Klemarczyk, Tim White, Derek Owen and Lee Wilder.

1. Minutes of 01/15/2008 approved as written.
2. HCC Budget for 2008 returned by the Budget Committee. It was cut by 31% from the 2007 budget. Discussion followed. It was voted that since the HCC gets a percentage of the Change in Use Tax, we would like to see the annual accounting for same.
3. BioEnergy is proposing removal of the existing plant, etc. Discussion followed. The HCC supports renewable energy. We need to monitor the progress of this proposal. We would appreciate the Selectmen keeping us informed of any developments. Ron is in contact with Town hall.
4. The Hopkinton Rotary Club's Gould Hill project was discussed. Ron is in touch with this through the Open Space Committee.
5. Several notices re workshop/events of conservation interest were circulated.
6. Public hearings continue by the NHDOT re NH 202/9 work (see 01/15/08 minutes #2.a).
7. Derek Owen and Tim White were nominated and approved for new terms on the HCC.
8. Tim White researched the existing utility poles on the Rollins lot. After talking with TDS it appears as though this might be a bigger project than we thought. He will discuss this with PSNH. (The poles are jointly owned by TDS and PSNH.)
9. Ron presented Peter D. Mellon's final draft plat of the Rice Survey. A boundary line agreement is still needed between Martin Grady III and the Town of Hopkinton. History of this/these lots is interesting. The Hopkinton Antiquarian Society may wish to borrow the files on this project for same. The bill for this survey may be a little higher due to much "unanticipated research."
10. Ron reviewed a current use application for Martin J. Kashulines of South Road. A change in curtilage and the discovery of a "mysterious 1 A. lot" were discussed.
11. A landowner "hand-out" re timber harvesting has been drafted and is being reviewed.

12. Two bladder Indian pumps at ~\$100. each, to be owned and used by the Hopkinton Fire Department was discussed. Ron agreed to purchase them and deliver them both to the Hopkinton Fire Department. The intent of this purchase is to provide the HFD with additional equipment for use in “controlled burns” on Hopkinton Town Forest lands. It was voted and approved.
13. Tudor Richards sent a thank you note to Ron/the HCC for help with recent land sale/acquisition.
14. Forest type maps for Ransmeier Woods, John Brockway Nature Preserve and the Rollins Lot were distributed and discussed. Copies are to be attached to these minutes for HCC minutes file.
15. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM. Thanks Lee for hosting. Next HCC meeting is March 18, 2008, at 7:30 PM at Town Hall, Hopkinton Village. Derek Owen is host.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Wilder
HCC Secretary