

June 16, 2009

Hopkinton Conservation Commission Meeting @ Kimball Lake Cabin

Present were: Derek Owen, Lee Wilder, Erick Leadbeater, Tim White, Byron Carr, Ron Klemarczyk and Jed Merrow

Meeting called to order at 1939 EDT by Chairman Owen.

1. Minutes of April 14, 2009 were approved as written. Thanks to Jed for taking these.
2. Discussed possible student member...under 18 YOA would be a non-voting member. HCC will pursue.
3. Briar Hill Road lot of Garber appears to be for sale. House/lawn looks empty. Bank now owns property? His temporary driveway permit and dredge and fill permit (for forestry) are under appeal...which runs with the property and not the owner. Discussion followed. Should an FYI to Whitley (lawyer for Cronins, etc., {abutters}) be sent? Some of the HCC members did not want to pursue this...
4. DES letter re wetland complaint for Stewart Nelson (plumber) Pike Rd., Hopkinton (208/14). Nelson needs to submit a monitoring report and photos for the restoration area. Due 06/15/09.
5. Town's Hazard Remediation Plan 2009, for natural disasters; final draft update has been adopted (accepted) by Town Dept. Heads.
6. Ian (no last name?) letter / call re Ransmeier Woods and establishing a Mountain Biking Trail from Stage Coach Rd. to NH Rte. 103 (near the Hopkinton Police Station). Ian needs to contact Derek.
7. Discussed Bound Tree Forest appeal/plan from the SPNHF. Land is in Warner and does not directly affect Hopkinton. We support the concept...
8. Invasive Weed and Plant Control at Rollins Rd. entrance to the Hawthorne Town Forest (sliding slope)...first phase of Japanese Knot Weed (Polygonaceae) spraying has been done by Prescott Towle. Partial payment of \$200 approved by HCC Board. Payment to come from the HCC Town Forest Fund. There was discussion of identifying and managing invasive species in other areas of the town as well, possibly as a high school project. Ron has discussed the idea with Scott Semmens. To be followed up later.
9. HCC Budget (as of 06/02/09) was discussed. Looks OK as presented.
10. Potential riverfront / farmland conservation easement appraisal of \$7,500. was discussed and voted to pay from the HCC Conservation Fund, with the understanding that the HCC will be reimbursed when the sale is approved by the town.
11. New business:
 - Indian Chimney 2A. Ron will check easement by Lester and Bonnie Cressy.
 - Owners have accepted appraisal of land in #10 above. HCC discussed contributing to acquisition of the conservation easement. Some 400 A. are involved.

- We have been notified that some 92A. at gravel pit at West Hopkinton has been clear-cut? Also cutting at Kimball swimming pond?
- “Rattlers, Peepers and Snappers” DVD (recently purchased by the HCC) being left at Town Library by Tim White. Distribution to Town schools will be a September 2009 HCC agenda item.
- Culvert inventory for “aquatic organism passage” discussed by Jed. Other towns have done this. What data should be inventoried? Culvert locations for this project could be a working item for the September 2009 HCC meeting.
Members please bring maps for this working meeting.
- Trail work? We need to work on several. Ron will call us...
- Currier and Ives scenic by-way runs through Hopkinton. Byron discussed this with us. State may have federal money for land along this by-way. Byron will keep us up on this.

Next HCC Meeting will be Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at Kimball Cabin, unless otherwise called by the Chair. Host is Lee Wilder.

Respectfully submitted
Lee Wilder
HCC Secretary