

**Hopkinton Conservation Commission Meeting
November 17, 2009 1930 EST
@ Harold Martin School, Main Street, Hopkinton Village**

Present were: Lee Wilder, Derek Owen, Ron Klemarczyk, Eric Leadbeater, and Jed Merrow,

Guest: Dijit Taylor, Hopkinton Open Space Committee

Meeting called to order at 1934 EST by Chairman Derek Owen.

1. Minutes of 10/20/09 HCC Meeting were approved as written.
2. Written HCC Annual report (Ron) is Due Jan. 8, 2010. Annual Financial report (Jed) is due no later than January 22, 2010. Lee will get 2009 HCC minutes (disc) to Ron.
3. Riparian Zone, Contoocook, reported that John Herrick plans (?) to remove ~6' of "sand" from surface. Are the selectmen aware of this?
4. HCC Budget Report: Jed went to Selectmen Meeting of Nov. 2, 2009. Our \$725 budget for 2010 was presented. Dijit points out that there is a publication coming, having to do with municipal conservation funds.
5. Former Garber lot on Briar Hill Road, abutters have withdrawn their appeal of the Wetland Permit. See letter dated 11/04/09.
6. Letter from Dave Boughton, re UNH study of several NH towns' taxes, re conservation land vs. residential land. He sees the savings and wanted HCC to have a copy.
7. Ron reports:
 - Ditch/drainage clean out at CAT-MILTON location at exit 6. Looks OK.
 - Wood for Warmth Program – Todd and Ron cleared downed wood from the Steven's Rail Trail and took it to the firewood storage site at the H-W Transfer Station.
 - Letter from 5 Rivers – Ransmeier Easement has been monitored. Boundary paint needs touch-up. Who has mowing rights?
8. Dijit previewed open-space information for the 11/18/09 1830EST presentation at HHS. Lots of ideas and discussion.
9. Thanks to Derek for great "old time" treats!
10. Meeting adjourned at 2110 EST. Next meeting is December 15, 2009, 1930 EST @ HMS. Jed is host.

Respectfully submitted
Lee Wilder
HCC Secretary