

Hopkinton Conservation Commission

Minutes of 03/16/2010

Meeting held at 7:30 PM @ Harold Martin School

Hopkinton, NH

APPROVED

Present were: Lee Wilder, Derek Owen, Ron Klemarczyk, Jed Mellow, Erick Leadbeater, Todd Aubertin, and Byron Carr. The Hopkinton Open Space Committee was also present: Dijit Taylor, Don Lane, Susan Zankel, Lucia Kitteridge, Robert Knight (from 5 Rivers), and Bob Lapree.

Meeting called to order at 1940 EDT by Chairman Owen.

1. Introductions
2. HCC met with the Open Space Committee. We discussed several items:
 - a. Conservation Easements on already preserved parcels. It was agreed that this would be a prudent move. Details were discussed, re Beyer Property and parking. Dijit will work on Beyer property easement details. The Rice lot has been cleaned up and is ready for 5 Rivers to take easement. The Rollins lot has a "clean-up" problem. Derek will visit owner and see what can be done to clean it up and fill the cellar hole. Ron and Derek will then discuss Town help with clean-up. 5 Rivers will also hold the Rollins easement. Don will pursue funding with Bob Blanchette.
 - b. George Langwasser is liaison to Open Space Committee and (we assume) the HCC also?
 - c. Signage on all Town owned properties. Examples were passed around. Entrance signs, if the property has a trail head. Blazing more permanent than signage, for boundary marking. Currently, a red blaze for Town property boundaries, is used. Byron, Ron and Susan will refine the designs we looked at tonight and bring back ideas: The trailhead sign and the boundary sign should have a common logo. The problem of perpetual trail maintenance was discussed. It was discussed that perhaps EVERY Town property does not need a trail.

Properties currently without trailheads, will have a small boundary sign where boundary meets the road.

- d. A map of Town owned properties should be on Town / HCC website. Tim White may have started a map of these properties. It could be on the web and printed in the Town report and available at Town Hall. Don and Lucia will talk with Karen and Scott Simmons re maps. Town map of parcels, with click and point for trail map was discussed.
 - e. Protection of Town Forest were also discussed. Forest management plan and town property list for next meeting.
3. HCC budget for last month was discussed. Is it 20 % or 35% change of use tax? Jed said budget sheet looks OK.
 4. DES gave David and Marlo Herrick a 5 year extension for Tax Map 208, Lot 99 in Hopkinton.
 5. HCC February 16, 2010 minutes accepted as written.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Minor discussions...

Thanks to Todd for "early spring desert" treats. Next HCC meeting Tues. April 20, 2010 at 7:30 PM at HMS. Open Space Committee will also attend. Lee is host.

Meeting adjourned at 2115 EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Wilder

HCC Secretary