

Hopkinton Conservation Commission

Minutes of 05/18/2010

Meeting held at 7:30 PM @ Harold Martin School

Hopkinton, NH

APPROVED July 20, 2010

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

The Hopkinton Open Space Committee was also present: Dijit Taylor and Susan Zankel

Meeting called to order at 1935 EDT by Chairman Owen.

1. Open Space Committee discussed signage for Town Conservation Properties. Committee did not get to meet, but Susan researched what other Towns are doing. Plan would include:
 - a. List of all Town Conservation Properties. Jed and Ron will "get the list."
 - b. Entrance sign design. Sign would be in "two parts." ... the Properties Name and then a "standard part" to include Town website where property information is available. Susan, Byron and Jed will come up with a design.
 - c. Method of marking conserved properties boundary (blaze vs. small boundary signs). Susan, Byron and Jed will come up with a design.
 - d. Website design draft. Susan has a sample from Grafton, MA. Lee will try a draft for Hopkinton.
 - e. Get an estimate for above and set a budget. This will have to be done after a. - d. above.
2. Rollins Property "clean-up" - Bud and Derek checked it out. Because of the size of the "refuge hole", it was suggested that a lot line adjustment be made to get the "hole" entirely onto Bud Clapsaddle's property. Dijit will check with Ron and then Neil Cass re possibility.
3. Minutes of the 04/20/2010 HCC Meeting were approved as written. MCCC should be MCCD?
4. HCC reviewed DRAFT letter to Selectmen re stopping the dumping of septic tank pumpage into the sand and gravel aquifer at the Transfer

- Station. Tim will make corrections to letter and we will Email it to HCC for final approval.
5. HCC Budget Report dated May 2, 2010 was discussed. All looks OK to that date.
 6. 5 Rivers Meeting at St. Andrew's Church, Saturday 5/22/10, with tour of Bohanan Easement to follow.
 7. June 15, 2010 NH Charitable Foundation Annual meeting with Lew Feldstein's retirement.
 8. Culvert from vernal pool at Rollin's Road entrance was checked by Jed. Pool looks quite productive. Culvert must NOT be such that it drains the pool. Some of the Japanese Knotweed is also starting to resprout. A second application should be considered.
 9. An inventory of invasive species on Town Conservation Properties should be done. Jed will create a property list and we can work up a plan.
 10. Jed got a call from someone re access to property that may be in current use with recreational abatement. Jed will check.
 11. Town's 12 A. parcel on Burnham's Interval was discussed.
 12. Meeting adjourned at 2110 EDT.

Thanks to Tim White for home-made brownies w/ toppings!
Next HCC meeting is Tues. June 15, 2010 at 7:30 PM at HMS. Open Space Sign Committee will also attend. Derek is host.

Meeting adjourned at 2112 EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Wilder

HCC Secretary