

APPROVED

Hopkinton Conservation Commission

Minutes of 02/16/2010

Meeting held at 7:30 PM @ Harold Martin School
Hopkinton, NH

Present were: Lee Wilder, Derek Owen, Ron Klemarczyk, Jed Merrow, Erick Leadbeater and Tim White. Guest Dijit Taylor.

Meeting called to order at 1945 EST by Chairman Owen.

1. Guest, Dijit discussed Conservation Easements on Open Space property. Dijit reports that Five Rivers has done a very thorough job with the Bohanan parcel. Trail signs and parking were discussed for existing Open Space parcels. Possible actions?
 - Sign for Ransmeier Lot. Signs for all lots? Dijit will work on a draft sign design.
 - Town map showing Town forests, etc. Open Space Committee is talking with Karen @ Town Hall re making such a map. Print map(s) as handouts and put map(s) on HCC website.
 - Hopkinton Recreation department may help with trail ideas.
2. Minutes of the HCC 01/19/10 minutes were approved as printed.
3. No news re Bio-Energy site.
4. Jed discussed the HCC budget report ending 02/01/10. The Change of Use Tax for 2009 has been applied to the Conservation Fund.
5. Mail from Five Rivers re 2009 Conservation Reports. Three parcels: Carson, Bermuda-Harris and Ransmeier Woods said to be OK. No easement violations.

New Business:

6. Invasive species on Town Forests were discussed. We need to check and consider spraying. State is now realizing that spraying does work.
7. Discussion re regional trail map...Concord, Bow and Concord. Ron is attending a meeting where that will be discussed.
8. Greener Hopkinton is looking into forming an Agriculture Commission. Work is being done to get this on the 2011 Town Warrant.

Thanks to Erick for great apple (native) crisp. HCC will meet with the Open Space Committee at our next HCC meeting Tues. March 16, 2010 at 7:30 PM at HMS. Dijit will bring list of possible discussion points. Todd is host.

Meeting adjourned at 2100 EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Wilder

HCC Secretary