

APPROVED

Hopkinton Conservation Commission

Note: HCC did not meet August 2010

Minutes of 09/21/2010

Meeting held at 7:30 PM @ Harold Martin School

Hopkinton, NH

Present were: Jed Mellow, Lee Wilder, Derek Owen, Erick Leadbeater, Tim White and Ron Klemarczyk.

Robert Knight of the Hopkinton Open Space Committee was also present.

Guests: Allan Lamper (of Weare) and Brad Watson

Meeting called to order at 1935 EDT by Chairman Owen.

1. Mr. Lamper wishes to have moose hunting access to conservation land on the west side of south road. (He holds a 2010 permit.) That land is owned by Robert French (Meadowsend Farm). The Society for the Protection of NH Forests holds the conservation easement. We helped Allan with that contact information.
2. Brad Watson brought a letter from Darrin Moody, relinquishing his haying rights to the field off NH Rte. 103 (behind the Hopkinton Police Station), part of Ransmeier Woods. Brad discussed his plan to use Best Management Practices in managing the field for hay bale production. Ron will work out details on a 5-year use agreement. A copy of the letter from Darrin, subsequent soil tests and wood ash assays will also be on file with the agreement. Motion approved by all.
3. HCC Minutes of July 20, 2010 were approved as written.
4. Correspondence from the NHDES:
 - a. Richard and Jane Schoch's application re wetland impact of their gravel driveway has been approved with conditions.
 - b. Dave Foster's application for logging of the former Wm. Lett lot around Whitter's Pond has been approved with conditions.
 - c. Nancy Fellow's application for a septic tank impact on wetland has been approved with conditions.
5. NRCS Cultural Resource Committee - application for a 100' extension to the Contoocook River Bank Stabilization Project on Bohanan Farm Land.

6. The Open Space Committee's mapping project for Ransmeier Woods and Bohanan Farm, and website work, was quoted at \$1850. by Neatline Associates. Ron explained that the trails on the Bohanan land will incorporate existing forest and farm roads. Funds approved by all.
7. Paul Doscher's booklet "*Amending or Terminating Conservation Easements*" was sent to the HCC. Erick will put it on the "HCC Shelf" at the HPL. A pdf of text can be seen at:
<http://www.google.com/search?q=%E2%80%9CAmending+or+Terminating+Conservation+Easements%E2%80%9D&ie=utf-8&oe=utf-8&aq=t&rls=org.mozilla:en-US:official&client=firefox-a>
8. HCC Budgets for July, August and September had no activity other than interest accumulation. The Selectmen have chosen to give the HCC a budget of \$1.00 for fiscal 2011. Jed will Email Bob Blanchette re this. (See Jed's Email of 09/09/22/10 and Bob's reply.)
9. Derek reports that the Horseshoe Tavern Committee (HTC) discussed moving the bldg. from its present location along NH Rte. 103 at Kimball Lake. But renting this Historic Town building brings in more than it's property tax would. Current renter/Town made recent repairs and exterior painting...all out of building rent money. Historic Horseshoe pile was also discussed. HTC will look into the preservation of the pile, from Joseph Derry's Horse Shoeing that once used that building.
10. Ron reports:
 - a. Knotweed at the Rollins Road entrance to the Hawthorn Town Forest has been sprayed again. All approved sprayer's \$225.00 bill.
 - b. Scout Adam Cohen's sign and parking lot at the NH Rte. 103 entrance to Ransmeier Woods (RW) has been completed. Split rail fence between that parking lot and the HPD parking lot was discussed. HCC may pay for that... Hiking trail access to RW has been worked on. Ron and Brad Watson (see item #2 above) may work on second "wet spot" in that area. Future may also want a Kiosk describing RW and its trails.
 - c. Concord's Trail Use Ordinance was discussed. It may serve as a model of one for our Town trails. Ron will work up an example.
11. *{Executive session called to discuss possible land purchases.}*
12. Jed reports:

- a. DES manages the ARM Fund that grants wetland projects, paid for by wetland mitigation fees from other projects.
 - b. Discussed invasive species inventory of Town Conservation lands. Inventory would involve each HCC member visiting various properties and reporting what was found. Action plan could be developed from there. Jed will check this out.
13. Tim White offered to check out the repairs needed to the Hawthorn Town Forest sign, located at the Rollins Road entrance.
14. (Bohanan Farm celebration: The final signing of the conservation easement with Fiver Rivers, the Town of Hopkinton, LCHIP, the USDA and the Bohanan Family has occurred. A celebration, honoring this event will take place 09/23/2010 from 4-7 PM at the Bohanan Farm with a trail walk and barbeque. Secretary's note.)

Meeting adjourned at 2127 EDT. Thanks to Derek for ginger snaps and Switchel. Interesting!! Next meeting is Tuesday October 19, 2010 at 1930 EDT at HMS. Jed is the host.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Wilder
HCC Secretary