

Hopkinton Conservation Commission
June 21, 2011 Meeting
1930 EDT
Kimball Lake Cabins
DRAFT/Approved 09/20/11

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Owen at 1940 EDT.

1. Present were Rob, Derek, Lee, Erick, Tim, Erick, Ron and Jed.
2. Minutes of the May 24, 2011 were approved as written.
3. Misc. notices received by chair were circulated and discussed.
4. Invasive Plant Project (IPP). Jed corresponded w/ Doug Cygan. Spraying was discussed. Herbicide works on some species. HCC will meet on Monday June 27, 2011, 1800 EDT @ entrance to Ransmeier Woods to recon parcels for specific problems. Jed will invite Doug.
5. Bohanan trail work July 10, 2011. Meet at parking lot at farm entrance at 1300 EDT. Ron will confirm.
6. Smith Pond Bog has new beaver dam. Audubon has been notified, Lee and Tim got the pond water level low enough to check Beaver Box. Box has collapsed and is plugged. Lee called Audubon. Now waiting for Audubon re repair / replacing the Beaver Box.
7. Question re Selectmen minutes of 6/20/11, item #I. d: Timber Warrant \$3,730.31? Ron will check.
8. Fiona Delisle is all set for Barry Conservation Camp, this summer. HCC would like to invite her to a subsequent HCC meeting to report on her camp experience.
9. Ron will check with Brad Watson re mowing the field behind the Police Station.
10. Rob reports that the Rice Lot needs baseline survey. Ken Stern, a volunteer for Five Rivers, will do the survey. Discussion re money for stewardship fee and transaction costs, \$7,500. (See item #11 below.)
11. Rollins Lot is also ready for a baseline survey. (See #10 above.) Ron will check language of the original bonding for both the Rice and Rollins Lots.
12. Jed described the map of Conservation Lands in the Town, proposed to appear on the Town's website. W
13. He recommended links from our website to other conservation lands within the Town. Lucia Kittredge is checking on website progress.
14. HCC Budget discussed. It shows the \$475. payment to the Barry Conservation Camp for a Hopkinton Student. (See item #8 above.) Two payments need to be made. One for a "thank you" gift for Christine Perron, who gave the recent Invasive Species talk (\$50.) and Rob Knight's attendance at the Open Space Workshop (\$60.). Budget approved as presented.

Meeting adjourned at 2050 EDT. Next meeting is Monday June 27, 2011, 1800 EDT @ entrance to Ransmeier Woods. Erick, thanks for homemade choc chip cookies and cold juice. Following summer meetings will be scheduled at the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Wilder