

Approved 02/22/11
Hopkinton Conservation Commission
Minutes of 01/25/2011
Meeting held at 7:30 PM @ Harold Martin School
Hopkinton, NH
APPROVED

Present were: Lee Wilder, Erick Leadbeater, Ron Klemarczyk, Derek Owen and Jed Merrow.

Rob Knight was also present.

Chair Owen called meeting to order at 1933 EST.

1. Minutes of 12/14/10 were approved with correction of next meeting date 01/25/11 and completion of item #7.
2. Payment for dumpster rental and contents disposal of debris from the Rollins cellar hole invoice approved. Bill dated 12/17/10 from R.R. Leasing. Lee will leave at selectmen's office. Funds to come from the Town Forest Account.
3. Discussion re filling vacancy left by Todd's retirement. Motion made and seconded to nominate Robert Knight to the Selectmen for member of the HCC. All in favor.
4. Annual dues to NHACC dated 12/07/10 (Invoice #277) for \$250 were approved for payment. Ron spoke in favor of benefits of belonging to the NHACC. Lee will leave at selectmen's office. Funds to come from the Conservation Account.
5. HCC Budget. Jed explained 2010 summary. Discussion followed. Jed explained that the 35% Change of Use Tax usually comes in January.
6. NHACC Annual Meeting was well attended, Ron reported. Meeting expressed concern re possible budget cuts and changes to regulations and enforcement of conservation efforts.
7. Town Meeting is Tuesday March 8, 2011. Discussion followed re an information sheet/map showing attendees where conservation parcels are located in Hopkinton. Ron and Rob reported that HCC website work is progressing. (See previous minutes.)
8. Ron reports that on 01/23/11, the Open Space Committee worked on laying out The Blackwater Loop Trail and The Courser Hill Loop Trail on the Bohanon Property. May see if Scouts want to help in the spring, clearing an official trail line.

9. Report for Town Report has been submitted to Town Hall.
10. Ron has talked with Brad Watson re lease of hay field at Ransmeier Property.
11. Discussion of pending recycling petitions at March 2011 Town Meeting. Excetutive session was voted to discuss a property acquisition at 2025 EST. Regular meeting resumed at 2030.
12. Jed reports that the "Invasive Species" ID booklet he discussed at the last HCC meeting is no longer available. Jed talked with Doug Cygan, State Invasive Species expert, and he said he can give us copies of "New Hampshire Guide to Upland Invasive Species, 2010, 2nd edition. Doug volunteered to run a training session if we desire. Jed will contact Doug re this at an appropriate season.
13. Erick checked with Tim at the Coop. Extension - Dept. of Agriculture, re herbicide application regulations. Discussion followed. Erick will talk with selectmen.
14. Jed will submit our annual financial report to Town Hall.

Adjourned at 0844. Next meeting is February 15, 2011 at 7:30PM at HMS.
Lee is host.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Wilder
HCC Secretary