

Hopkinton Conservation Commission
November 15, 2011 Meeting
1930 EST
Harold Martin School
Approved 01/17/12

Chairman Owen called the meeting to order at 1932 EST.

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

1. Fiona Delisle attended the Barry Conservation Camp, this summer. The HCC invited her to this November 15, 2011 HCC meeting to report on her camp experience. She explained her experiences at the Barry Conservation Camp in Berlin, NH.
2. Minutes of the October 18, 2011 HCC Meeting were approved as written.
3. NHACC Annual Meeting was 11/5/11. Rob Knight attended for the HCC. He reported that some NH counties are quite active. Rockingham County is working aggressively on invasive species. Erick will check with Rockingham County as to their approach and how we might learn from their experiences. Town activities can be covered by the Town insurer. Other CC's struggle with the same problems we have. Public relations are very important. Conservation Commissions have enforcement problems with violations of Conservation Easements. An independent third party doing the monitoring is more effective.
4. NHACC has an E-mail forum, Jed explained. Jed joined and will report back on activity.
5. Derek passed on an upcoming UNH workshop on forest laws. Shoreline protection was discussed, esp. the trees that had plugged the Blackwater River, north of the East Penacook Road bridge. Variances for these types of situations exist, Ron explained.
6. Derek presented various announcements.
7. The current HCC Budget was discussed. Deborah Gallant has replaced Bob Blanchette. Payments that we have authorized were discussed. On Sept. 20, 2011 we received the change in use tax for 2010.
8. The HCC has monitored the Janeway and Rose Conservation Easements. Discussion followed re possible violations to the Conservation easement on the Rose parcel (Lot 243-20, 12.5A along the Blackwater). Ron and Erick recused themselves from this discussion. Derek agreed to bring this to Mr. Rose's attention.
9. Question regarding the SPNHF having received our 2010 monitoring reports? Lee checked with Town Hall. They are looking for the file.
10. Jed checked with Laura Deming re Phenological monitoring project re long-term climate change effects on flora and fauna at Brockway. Audubon is working with Harold Martin School students on this.
11. Signs for Bohanan parking and trails have been put up. Loop trail has been blazed. Motion to reimburse Bob Lapree \$144.35 for supplies. Motion passed.
12. Ron reports:

- a. Bohanan Farm and Ransmeier Lot need Kiosks. Kiosks give a parcel focus and help with trail maps and rules and regulations.
 - b. Trees down on Hawthorne Forest. Cleaned up by Ron and some unknown helper.
 - c. Ron and Town hall resolved Rail Trail bond from logger.
13. Jed reports:
- a. Aquatic Remediation Funds (from DES for Merrimack River Watershed) may be available next spring. Ideas? Laurie Sommer should keep us posted on this?
 - b. Aquatic organism passages (culverts) in Town should be surveyed. Along with the Culvert Survey, using minnow traps and dry dog food, and checking them over several weeks should give a representative sampling of fish species present. Members could be assigned culverts in their area to survey. Jed will organize this.
14. Open Space Committee meets 11/16/11. Rob and Ron will report back, especially re HCC website.

Meeting adjourned at 2110 EDT. Next meeting is Tuesday December 20, 2011 at 1930 EST @ HMS. Lee is host. Thanks to Ron for delicious Dark Chocolate Cake!

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Wilder
HCC Secretary