

**Approved 04/19/11**

Hopkinton Conservation Commission

Minutes of 03/15/2011

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

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

Chair Owen called meeting to order at 1935 EDST.

1. Minutes of 02/22/11 were approved.
2. HCC contact info dated 02/22/11 was discussed. OK. Copies to all present.
3. Conservation Camp for Summer 2011 was discussed. LW will contact Pat Heinz at MSS. Our criteria is a young person who would benefit from attending a Conservation Camp, is eager to attend and learn and who would be unable to attend without some financial help.
4. Several recent Conservation newsletters were passed around for members to view.
5. Rob Knight is attending the Special Places Workshop on April 9, 2011 as the HCC rep.
6. We received a Wetlands Permit Notification Form from the DES for a driveway off NH 103 at 2398 Hopkinton Road (base of steep hill on road to Contoocook <next to former Woodbury house>). Road will be across a wet field w/ 2-24" culverts under driveway. Discussion followed. No objections as long as planned culverts are sized correctly.
7. Financial report for February 2011. Statement shows payments were made of \$250 (2011 dues for NHACC) and \$800 for Rollins Lot dumpster and removal of same. Approved as presented.
8. Ron has an apprentice forester who, as part of his eventual certification, is doing a forest management plan for the Rice Property. FORECO will then format his completed report for the Hopkinton Forest Management Plan book.
9. Ron discussed a DRAFT MOU between NH Audubon and the HCC re the Brockway Forest and NH Audubon's use of that forest for their educational programs. <Note NH Audubon holds a trust from Dorothy

Osborne, for such purposes.> Discussion followed. Derek will check on the trust. Ron will then call Phil Browne at NH Audubon re some word changes to the MOU.

10. NH Audubon also wishes to use the Allen Lewis Lot parking area (off Jewett Road) for access to the Chase Lot. **The HCC agreed, but we would like to see a draft of any sign changes before they are installed.**
11. Ron reminded us that the current Hopkinton Pay-by-Bag Program will be re-discussed at Town Meeting on Saturday 3/19/11 at HHS.
12. Tim inquired about HCC trail maintenance plans for this spring. Ron will keep us informed as to when and how we may help.
13. Jed inquired with Doc Doctors re river access at Bohanan Lot. Ideas he discussed with them estimated out at ~\$20,000. More to follow...
14. Jed discussed our invasive species project for spring 2011. Details to follow.
15. Derek and Tim are "expiring." Both are agreeable to serve again.

Adjourned at 0840 EDST. Next meeting is April 19, 2011 at 7:30PM at HMS. <sup>1</sup> Thanks Tim...HOMEMADE brownies! Derek is host.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lee Wilder  
HCC Secretary