

Hopkinton Conservation Commission
October 18, 2011 Meeting
1930 EDT
Harold Martin School
Approved 11/15/11

Chairman Owen called meeting to order at 1935 EDT.

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

1. Minutes of the September 20, 2011 HCC Meeting were approved as written.
2. NHACC Annual Meeting is 11/5/11. Discussion followed.
3. SPNHF reminder for 2011 Easement Monitoring for Janeway #1 and Levesque Lots was received. Question regarding receipt of 2010 reports? Lee will check with Town Hall.
4. NH Audubon sent the HCC a copy of *State of NH Birds*. Tim White will deliver the copy to the Town Library.
5. Jed reported via Email that the Town has credited the HCC account with the 2011 FFY Change of Use Tax. The 2012 HCC Budget has been submitted to Town Hall.
6. Discussion of several possible conservation easements were discussed.
7. Phenological monitoring project re long-term climate change effects on flora and fauna at Brockway. Laura Deming had come to an HCC meeting in the spring re this. Where does this study stand? Jed is checking with Laura.
8. Tim White talked with Muriel Lajoie of the Contoocook and North Branch LAC re monitoring equipment. Tim suggested that they could rent equipment when needed. The HCC supports the idea of river monitoring in our community. Pending availability of future funds, the HCC will evaluate ways to financial support this project.
9. Letter re survey of Barry Conservation Camp attendees in 2008. Erick will keep checking.
10. Signs for Bohanan parking and trails were discussed. Rob reports that the Open Space Committee meets 10/19/11. He will report back.
11. Fiona Delisle attended the Barry Conservation Camp, this summer. HCC would like to invite her to the November 15, 2011 HCC meeting to report on her camp experience. Lee will contact her and her parents.
12. Rob reports that the Rice Lot and Rollins Lot baseline surveys have been done. Closing with the Town and Five Rivers, on both the Rice and Rollins lots is scheduled for 11/07/11. Rob will report results.
13. Erick checked with David Rousseau, head of NH Pesticide Control on type of spraying license needed for HCC Invasive Plant Project (IPP) on Town conservation lands. Mr. Rousseau recommended that a "Commercial, not for hire" license would be needed.
14. Two pay vouchers were voted and signed: \$15,000 for the two Stewardship Endowments for the Rice and Rollins lots and \$200 for the latest series of

spraying for the Japanese Knotweed at the Rollins Road end of the Hawthorne Forest.

15. Question re Selectmen minutes of 6/20/11, item #I. d: Timber Warrant \$3,730.31? Ron checked. It was a timber tax bill sent to several landowners who had timber harvests.
16. Tim reports that a recent email from L. Kitteridge indicates that progress is being made on the conservation land mapping website. Ron and Rob will be at the 10/19/11 Open Space Committee meeting and will report back.
17. Ron reports:
 - a. There was an advertised hike at the Hawthorne Forest that took place 10/16/11?
 - b. Ron receives copy of "Intent to cut Forms." Question on lot being cut between Kearsarge Ave and RR grade. A \$2000 bond is being deposited with the HCC from logger Michael Carter of MBC Timber to bond access road work.

Meeting adjourned at 2050 EDT. Next meeting is Tuesday November 15, 2011 at 1930 EDT. @ HMS. Ron is host. Thanks to Rob for delicious APPLE PIE!

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Wilder
HCC Secretary