

Hopkinton Conservation Commission  
November 17, 2015 Meeting  
Held at Hopkinton Town Hall - 7:00PM

**11/17/15 Minutes** – Approved 12/15/15

Present: Lee Wilder, Ron Klemarczyk, Jed Merrow, Rob Knight, Cleve Kapala, Bob Lapree, and Alternates Melissa Jones and James Newsome  
Meeting was called to order at 7:08 by Chairperson Lee Wilder.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. HCC 2015 Conservation Camper Alexander O’Keefe-Duchane reported on his experiences at Camp Berry this summer and expressed his thanks to the HCC for giving him the opportunity to attend the camp which he felt was very educational.
2. HCC minutes of 10/19/15: Accepted as presented.
3. Treasurer’s report through October 2015: Accepted as presented.
4. Alternate #1 Melissa Jones and Alternate #2 James Newsome were introduced by the Chair.
5. HCC Budget for 2016: Jed Merrow attended Select Board Budget meeting and requested \$1,550.
6. Land Change of Use Fee: Cleve Kapala informally discussed with a member of the Select Board increasing the amount of the fee used for land conservation from 35% to 50%. To gain approval at town meeting the change would need Select Board support, and that support is doubtful this year.
7. Trails subcommittee update: Committee met on Wednesday 10/21. Cleve Kapala reported that the committee is setting up trail stewards for each section of the Greenway Trail. Three signed landowner agreements have been received along with two more verbal agreements for portions of the Putney Hill to Contoocook Trail.
8. Hopkinton Cares HCC Projects: October 17 Bob Lapree and Cleve Kapala oversaw volunteers cutting brush at Kimball Lake.
9. Kimball Lake: Lee Wilder reported that a cover has been installed on the well. Ron Klemarczyk will investigate installing a gate to block vehicle access from the cabins area onto the road leading to the forest.
10. List of town owned properties: the list was reviewed in detail at the Open Space Committee meeting. Bob Lapree will circulate the list with notes to the HCC and send it to the Select Board.
11. Rollins Lot:
  - Ron Klemarczyk contacted surveyor Tim Bernier and he will set the missing lot corner marker and blaze from the corner to the stone wall for not to exceed \$700.
  - Discussed timing for mowing the lot with a brontosaurus and agreed the sooner the better, with the expectation that it will be mowed again next year, keeping that timing in mind with wildlife nesting, etc.. Ron will get a price and circulate the price to the HCC by email for approval.
  - Rob Knight reported encroachments by a neighbor: trailer stored on Rollins lot and wooden shingles dumped on lot. Rob will ask Neal Cass to send a letter requesting the articles be removed.
12. Hopkinton Master Plan Review: Reviewed the plan from page 200 to the end! Various committee members were assigned sections to update. Some sections need Open Space

committee input. Rob Knight will gather all the updates and give them to Karen Robertson to input. Target is to have a new draft by the December 15 HCC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Hillary Chapman of Audubon had first graders at Brockway on 11/06/15 and plans to visit again 11/24/15 from 8-12 AM.
2. HCC Town Report: Due at town hall by 1/08/16. Jed Merrow will draft the financial report. Cleve Kapala will do a first draft of the narrative.
3. Cross Road: The house on the corner of Cross Road and Maple Street is for sale. Cleve Kapala suggested that the realtor should be informed of the existence of the Class VI road on the lot. Cleve Kapala will work with the town hall to make the realtor aware of the road.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Minutes submitted by Rob Knight, Secretary.

Next HCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 15 at 7 PM at Town Hall.

Doug is the host.