

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

## Draft Minutes

Present: Lee Wilder, Ron Klemarczyk, Rob Knight, Erick Leadbeater, Cleve Kapala, Jed Merrow, and Doug Giles.

Guests present: Eric Buck and Kent Symonds

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 by Chairperson Lee Wilder.

### VISITORS - NEW BUSINESS

1. Dredge and Fill Permit: Eric Buck, Kast Hill Road, West Hopkinton presented a dredge and fill permit application for construction of a driveway in connection with his planned residence and office. There will be a wetland crossing and a small fill area; total of about 1900 SF impact. Mr. Buck requested the HCC sign off on the application so that it will receive expedited handling at DES. Ron Klemarczyk recommended that a culvert of minimum 15" diameter be used. HCC unanimously agreed to sign the application provided that the plans as presented are followed during construction. Chairperson Lee Wilder signed the application. He will leave a copy at Town Hall for filing.
2. Stevens Rail Trail Snowmobile Use – Kent Symonds, President of the Contoocook Sno-Mads requested formal permission to use the Stevens Rail Trail as part of the local snowmobile trail network. HCC unanimously approved use from now to the fall of 2016. Lee Wilder signed the Sno-Mad trail agreement. Kent will leave a copy at Town Hall for us to file.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. HCC minutes of 01/20/14: approved as corrected.
2. Treasurer's report for January 2014: approved as presented.
3. Brockway Use: As NH Audubon advises the HCC of scheduled use, Lee Wilder will forward the information to the town offices to be posted on the town calendar. The revised wording in the trail guide regarding ownership has been approved and will be included in the next printing. Erick Leadbeater will proof a Draft of the next printing of the Brockway Trail Guide before final printing and distribution by Audubon. Lee will inform Hillary Chapman of both of these actions.
4. Emerald Ash Borer: Tim Fleury from the Merrimack County Extension Service will have an EAB informational display table at the town meeting.
5. Trails Committee Report: Ron Klemarczyk reported that the committee is working on a 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary history walk, using the Greenway with about 20 informational stations.
6. Monitoring Murphy/Rose and Janeway #1 properties: Ron Klemarczyk reported that the town holds the easements on these two properties as well as a third, the Moss Property, so the HCC has the responsibility of monitoring these properties. Discussed possible alternative arrangements. To be discussed further at next HCC meeting.
7. Need for a "Conservation Easement Monitor and Stewardship Monitoring Fee /funding": To be discussed further as part of Item #6 above.
8. HCC Summer 2015 Conservation Camper: Approved up to \$500 to send a Hopkinton student to the conservation camp. Erick is working on this.

9. HCC and Hopkinton Conservation Lands web sites: Lee Wilder reported that the websites have been updated and HCC members should visit the sites to review for any other changes needed.

[http://www.hopkinton-nh.gov/Pages/HopkintonNH\\_BComm/conservation](http://www.hopkinton-nh.gov/Pages/HopkintonNH_BComm/conservation)

<http://hopkintonconservationland.org>

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Contoocook River Program: Doug Giles was asked if the HCC could suggest a monitor for the section of river in Hopkinton. Most other towns have a monitor. Rob Knight will contact Tom Walton.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Rob Knight, Secretary

There will be no March meeting.

Next HCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 21 at 7 PM at Town Hall.

Erick is the host.