

Hopkinton Conservation Commission
May 19, 2015 Meeting
Held at Town Hall - 7:00PM

5/19/15 Minutes – Approved 6/16/15

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Chairperson Lee Wilder.

OLD BUSINESS

1. HCC minutes of 04/21/15: Approved as presented.
2. Treasurer's report for April 2015: Approved as presented.
3. Brockway Preserve:
 - Trails Guide: Tabled until June when Rick Leadbeater will review the new wording.
 - Trails and Platform: Doug Giles made repairs to the platform. Discussed upgrading the bridge over the dam at some future time.
4. Trails subcommittee report: Cleve Kapala reported that he, Bob LaPree and a student volunteer, Bowman Ridinger, cleaned up the Courser Loop trails after the logging operation. The Courser Loop needs better access from the parking area. Access through the cornfield does not work well. The Trails Committee is organizing a historical walk June 13 at 9:00 starting from Kimball Cabins. The Town Pound on Old Putney Hill Road needs to be brush cut, have the fallen rocks replaced, and a new gate.
5. Town held conservation easements: Murphy/Rose, Janeway #1, and Moss: Lee Wilder and Rob Knight will monitor these properties in the fall.
6. HCC Summer 2015 Conservation Camper: Rick Leadbeater will get the camper's name and invite the camper to the HCC September meeting.
7. HCC and Hopkinton Conservation Lands web sites: Lee Wilder sent a letter to Kathy Barnes thanking her for her excellent work on the website
8. Hopkinton Master Plan Review: All members of the HCC received copies of Chapter IX "Conservation, Preservation, and Open Space" to mark up before the next meeting. The chapter will be reviewed at the June meeting.
9. 70' x 70' Lot at Kimball Lake: Lee Wilder and Lucia Kittredge are working on this.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Reviewed five timber cut notices.
2. Fish Data: Jed Merrow received the data from the fish study conducted by NH Fish and Game. It appears only Dolf Brook and Brown's Brook have cold water fish.
3. Forest Fires: Ron Klemarczyk reported that there have been a series of local forest fires of unexplained origin, and asked HCC members to be alert for signs of smoke in the woods.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Rob Knight, Secretary.

Next HCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 16 at 7 PM at Kimball Cabin.

Ron is the host.