

Hopkinton Conservation Commission
June 16, 2015 Meeting
Held at Kimball Cabins - 7:00PM

6/16/15 Minutes – Approved 9/15/15

Present: Lee Wilder, Ron Klemarczyk, Rob Knight, Cleve Kapala, Jed Merrow, Erick Leadbeater

Meeting was called to order at 7:19 by Chairperson Lee Wilder.

OLD BUSINESS

1. HCC minutes of 05/19/15: Approved with a correction.
2. Treasurer's report for May 2015: Approved as presented. Agreed to transfer \$1,000 to the checking account, or enough to avoid future service charges due to low balance.
3. Brockway Preserve - Trails Guide: Rick Leadbeater found an earlier version of the guide, aimed more at adults than the current version which is aimed at children. Rick will find how many of the current guide Audubon has in inventory.
4. Trails subcommittee report:
 - Stevens Rail Trail: Ron Klemarczyk reported that the far end of the trail is wet and muddy. Ditches have not been cleaned out recently. Vehicles are driving on the trail, making the mud worse. Ron will get an estimate for cleaning the ditches. Ron wants to install a split rail fence at the Spring Street end to keep vehicles off the trail. Agreed to authorize this, cost not to exceed \$200.
 - Cleve Kapala suggested that the HCC authorize money for minor trail work this summer, so volunteers do not have to come to the committee for advance approval of every expenditure. Requests for reimbursement would still need to be approved by the HCC on a case by case basis. Authorized an amount not to exceed \$300 for miscellaneous HCC expenses through October 1. Receipts must be presented for reimbursement.
5. 70' x 70' Lot at Kimball Lake: Lee Wilder and Lucia Kittredge met with Neal Cass, and continue to work on this.
6. Foster/Whitter Letter: Jed Merrow was thanked for the letter on behalf of the HCC.
7. Hopkinton Master Plan Review: Reviewed the plan through page 186. Rob Knight took notes on changes and will give them to Karen Robertson to update the plan. Lee Wilder will update the section on glacial landscape features on page 179 and give it to Karen. Ron Klemarczyk will draft a paragraph on the Bohanan Farm vote (page 178) and send it to Rob for incorporation.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ron Klemarczyk reported that a group of high school students would like to do a trail work project. There is no suitable project at present.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Minutes submitted by Rob Knight, Secretary.

Next HCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 15 at 7 PM at Kimball Cabins.

Cleve is the host.