

Hopkinton Conservation Commission
March 8, 2016 Meeting
Held at Hopkinton Town Hall - 7:00PM

3/08/16 Minutes – Approved 4/19/16

Present: Lee Wilder, Ron Klemarczyk, Rob Knight, Doug Giles, Jed Merrow, James Newsom, Melissa Jones

Guest Present: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mail and notices received by the HCC were circulated to the committee.
2. HCC minutes of 2/16/16: Accepted as presented.
3. Treasurer's report: No February statements received as yet. Reauthorized payment of \$300 to Neatline Associates (originally authorized 1/20/15).
4. Trail committee report: Rob Knight reported that he talked to Glenn Bohanan and Glenn is agreeable to having the existing Blackwater Loop trail extend to connect with the Horne Town Forest. Rob will start flagging the trail for review by members of the Trails Committee.
5. Monitoring Moss easement: HCC just received contact information for the current owner, and Lee Wilder and Rob Knight will arrange to meet with the owner and monitor the easement. Ron Klemarczyk has recorded the plot plan at the Registry.
6. HCC steel gate at Kimball Lake: Lee Wilder will contact the abutter to get his approval of the gate design.
7. Rollins Lot boundary survey: Tim Bernier has not started the survey yet.
8. Hopkinton Master Plan – Chapter IX: Melissa Jones is proof reading the draft and expects it will be ready for HCC review at the April meeting.
9. Potential conservation property on the Contoocook: Ron Klemarczyk has not been successful in contacting the owners, and apparently the owners are not interested in selling at this time.
10. Sign regarding hunting at Bohanan kiosk: There has been a "Multipurpose Property" sign from Fish and Game in the kiosk, and Rob Knight confirmed the sign is still there. The map in the kiosk needs to be updated.
11. Proposed NH F&G bobcat hunting: A legislative committee will have a hearing to review the proposed NH F&G regulation at 9:00 April 1. Public can send comments to cheryl.walsh@leg.state.nh.us. Objections to the regulation should be based on it not being in the public interest.
12. HCC conservation camp for summer of 2016: James Newsom reported that a camper has been selected and is registered at the camp.
13. Cemetery lot: Members of the HCC walked the lot 3/05/16 and felt it had conservation and scenic value. The Cemetery Committee will decide if they are interested in sharing in a possible purchase. Asking price is \$103,000.
14. Hopkinton habitat map: Sent to HCC members by email 3/05/16.
15. Penacook Road rehab: DES letter of 02/22/16 asked the Town for more info on the Standard Dredge and Fill Application.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Bushhogging the Rollins lot: Ron Klemarczyk will have Chuck Rose mow it as soon as possible. Cost expected to be about \$1,000.
2. Kearsarge Avenue rehab: See 3/01/16 email sent to HCC members.
3. Rollins lot: Letter was received from Five Rivers Conservation Trust reporting on the annual monitoring, and asking that a trailer and pile of old shingles be removed from the property.
4. Warner River designation process: Doug Giles reported that some landowners in Warner who have hydro dam sites on the river are concerned that State designation of the river might impact their hydro sites. Some people are suggesting that an ad hoc committee might be better than a state committee.
5. Saving Special Places conference 4/09/16: The HCC will reimburse any committee members who attend the conference (\$60 pp). Rob Knight expressed interest in attending.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Minutes submitted by Rob Knight, Secretary.

Next HCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 19 at 7 PM at Kimball Lake cabin.

James is the host.