

Hopkinton Conservation Commission
April 19, 2016 Meeting
Held at Kimball Lake Cabin #1 and adjourned to Hopkinton Town Hall

4/19/16 Minutes - Draft

Present: Lee Wilder, Ron Klemarczyk, Rob Knight, Jed Merrow, James Newsom, Bob Lapree
Guest Present: None
Meeting was called to order at 7:00 at Kimball Lake trailhead by Chairperson Lee Wilder.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Kimball Lake trailhead: Reviewed plans for gate and landscaping. All were in agreement.

Meeting adjourned to Hopkinton Town Hall

2. Mail and notices received by the HCC were circulated to the committee.
3. HCC minutes of 3/08/16: Approved as presented.
4. Treasurer's report: Accepted as presented. Approved payment of \$41 to Ron Klemarczyk as reimbursement of recording fees for Shelton survey. Ron abstained from vote. Approved payment of \$1,000 to Chuck Rose for bush-hogging Rollins lot.
5. Trail committee report: Letter received from Steve Lux regarding his intent to remove vegetation on the Class VI portion of Cross Road. Bob Lapree will contact Steve to establish coordination with the Trails Committee. Doug Giles is checking on a problem with the railing on the observation tower at Brockway Preserve, as reported by Hilary Chapman. Rob Knight reported that the new trail on the Horne Town Forest is mostly flagged. Rob will organize a walk for members of the Conservation Commission and Trails Committee to review and approve location of the trail.
6. Rollins Lot: Tim Bernier has not done the survey yet. Chuck Rose completed bush-hogging. Discussed mowing schedule – every few years to encourage good wildlife habitat, or annually to get rid of invasives. Agreed to mow annually for now, and plan to mow again in the late summer. Ron Klemarczyk will investigate the best time of year to mow. Ron recommended a timber harvest at Rollins to remove the red pine due to Red Pine Scale and to remove the over-story. Ron also recommended a timber harvest at Foote lot.
7. Hopkinton Master Plan – Chapter IX: Postponed proof reading the draft until the May meeting when Melissa Jones can be present.
8. HCC conservation camp for summer of 2016: Camper will be Conor Daniels. Authorized payment of \$345 to Camp Barry and reimbursement of the deposit of \$150 to the Daniels family for a total of \$495 from the Conservation account.
9. Cemetery lot: Waiting for the reaction of the Cemetery Committee at their meeting on 4/14/16.
10. Penacook Road rehab: Received copy of new conditions from DES.

NEW BUSINESS

1. NH Audubon programs at Brockway Preserve: Hilary Chapman (NH Audubon) reports that she will be doing hour long spring walks for adults at Brockway beginning this Friday every other week into the first week of June: March 25th, April 8th and 22nd, May 6th and 20th, June 3rd. She has school programs planned for May 5 and 12th so far.

2. Herrick lots on Pine Street: The subdivided lots have been sold to a new owner who wishes to combine all the lots into one parcel. The town has a Conservation Land deed for one of the lots which has a bog area. The new owner would like to acquire the town lot and is willing to have some kind of conservation easement to protect the bog area. Lee Wilder will talk to Neal Cass about the status of the town owned lot.
3. Brockway Preserve bridge: Discussed the desirability of having the bridge be handicap accessible, and whether the bridge is the responsibility of the HCC or NH Audubon.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Minutes submitted by Rob Knight, Secretary.

Next HCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May10 at 7 PM at Kimball Lake cabin.

Cleve is the host.