

Open Space Committee Minutes - 05/24/2007

Hopkinton Open Space Committee Meeting

May 24, 2007

Minutes

Attending: Byron Carr, Ron Klemarczyk, Dijit Taylor
Committee membership – Byron's term is up and he wishes to leave the committee. The Selectmen explained the process for replacing him at a recent meeting. He will submit a letter of resignation when the committee submits a letter seeking the nomination of a good candidate for the committee. A willing good candidate is available, although there is some question of a conflict of interest with 5RCT. Dijit will explore the conflict of interest issue with 5RCt and report at the next meeting

Update on conservation easements on Rollins and Rice – Ron is working with Lori Sommer of 5RCT on the pieces that still need to be arranged. At Rice, some old dumped materials need to be removed and a survey completed. Byron would like to see the easement when it is drafted, and raised questions about parking, boar access, boat ramp and whether there are sections of river that are designated as paddle/electric only. At Rollins, an abandoned structure needs to be removed and a conversation had with the new owners of the adjacent house about possible uses of the field under the conservation easement. Town crews will do the needed work when weather, site and time conditions allow.

Industrial zone exit ramps - Byron is concerned about the impact of possible very large new industrial building and access thereto. Any related project should protect, not damage, the riverside and brookside.

In non-public session properly created under RSA 91-A:3, II (d) the committee discussed the status of a major project, two ongoing projects, one revitalized project and two priority project sites.

The non-public session was properly ended and the committee voted to seal the minutes until the projects discussed are either completed or abandoned.

The committee is being encouraged to do better at keeping the minutes up-to-date to fulfill right to know laws. A possible scheme for numbering projects to facilitate discussion without revealing owners names was considered.

The meeting concluded at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted, Dijit Taylor, recorder

Next meetings – June 28, July 26, Aug 23