

Open Space Committee Minutes - 06/28/2007

Hopkinton Open Space Committee Meeting June 28, 2007 Minutes

Attending: Byron Carr, Bill Chapin, Ron Klemarczyk, Don Lane, Dijit Taylor,

The meeting started at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved through a motion made by Don and seconded by Byron

Town Lines: All articles need to be in to Nancy by Friday, July 27, 2007. Let's make this a great newsletter. Don't forget we can use pictures. The article should focus on the LCHIP application.

Industrial Access Update – There are rumors of a very large warehouse building considering locating near the river in Contoocook. Byron points out the potential damage to protected land along river that would be negatively impacted by possible river crossings near Rice on a large air photo map.

Committee membership - Since Bill was not at the previous meeting, Dijit shared with him information about the proposed candidate to replace Byron on the committee. Bill had raised a question about whether the candidate will have a conflict of interest with regards to conservation easements going to 5RCT. 5RCT has a policy about conflict of interest which states that members of the Board do not participate in discussions and decisions about projects that may provide financial benefit to themselves or their family members. Because no OSC member or 5RCT Board member would expect to derive financial benefit from the cooperative

projects between 5RCT and town of Hopkinton, Chuck Knox, ED of 5RCT, see no inherent conflict.

The committee agrees to adopt a policy that when any committee member, close family member or business client has a personal interest in an element of a project, that may be or give the appearance of being a conflict of interest, they will recuse themselves from discussion and vote on that element of the project.

Policy for grant applications – The committee agrees in principle that there must be a signed agreement, which can be contingent, on a project before submitting full application for outside funding.

In non-public session properly created under RSA 91-A:3, II (d) the committee discussed the status of a major project and terms of possible grant funding. Two other projects were not discussed because of Ron's absence.

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

Byron Carr was thanked for his participation on the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 on a motion by Don.

Respectfully submitted, Dijit Taylor, recorder

Next scheduled meetings: July 26, Aug 23, Sept 27