

Hopkinton Open Space Committee
Tuesday, September 1, 2009
Community Room
Hopkinton Town Library

Minutes (Approved Sept 29, 2009)

Administrative

- By the time all present found each other in the two meeting room and reconvened in the Local History Room, the meeting opened at 7:10 p.m.
- Attendance Ron Klemarczyk, Bryan Pellerin, Dijit Taylor, Susan Zankel, Lucia Kittredge, Don Lane, Bob LaPree, Lucia Kittredge
- Minutes from meeting August 18 accepted as presented
- Date for next meeting: Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Old Business

Bohanan Project

- Board of Selectmen – voted 4-1 on 8/31 to convene a Special Town Meeting
- Farmer's Market –exhibitors for 9/5 Dijit, 9/12 Don, later dates not assigned
- Next steps and assignments
 - Liason to BOS for Special Town Meeting logistics – Dijit
 - Don will check with Ed Wojnowski about process and time line from previous special town meetings
 - Get Tom Congoran's approval and send revised P&S to town attorney Russ Hilliard
 - Ron unavailable October 17 & 24, Jamie away November 5-8, Glen away October 13 – 27
 - Public outreach & education – Susan, Lucia, Ron
 - Ideas include posters around town, something at the Hopkinton Fair, kayak or airplane tours, tee shirts, letters to the editor
 - Dijit to revise info brochure and send to Don to make copies for Hopkinton Fair and Farmer's Marker
 - Bob to scramble poster for Bohanan space in cow barn at Hopkinton Fair with images sent from Lucia (Sue Burns) and Susan Z (map and scan of Thibealt painting)
 - Additional Fundraising Opportunities
 - LCHIP? Application deadline mid October - Worth a try, working closely with 5RCT
 - Private fund solicitation – Bryan, Don, Bill
 - Lucia describes highly successful Dimond Hill fund raising effort, which was supported by Trust for Public Land and used a paid fundraising organizer

- Don has been part of many successful fund raising efforts (church, Slusser Center, Boys and Girls Clubs etc) and warns that even people with high capacity are feeling tapped out
 - 5RCT has a fund set up already to hold money for this
 - Donors must know they will get their money back if the project is not completed
 - Discussion of other people fund raising subcommittee and possible major donors
- Other – A question about farm's frontage on Dustin Road has been raised by a neighbor. Bryan from title search and Jamie confirm that the farm has frontage on the road. Jamie or Glen to discuss this with the neighbor.

New Business - None

Other – Dijit asked Ron questions about Ransmeier Woods property. The easement allows an individual to harvest hay from the field. This individual is reported to have moved out of town. He should be able to assign the right to someone else, if they ask him for it. The stone and concrete dam near the beginning of the trail was part of a series of holding ponds on Dolf Brook, and also provided passage-way to the Ransmeier Farm over a steep sided gulch. The concrete reinforcement was not too successful and the dam was breached by high water in the 1960s.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Dijit Taylor
Recorder