

Hopkinton Open Space Committee
Tuesday, February 9, 2010
TOWN HALL
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Minutes Accepted March 16, 2010

Administrative

- Attendance: Ron Klemarczyk, George Langwasser, Bryan Pellerin, Dijit Taylor, Susan Zankel, Lucia Kittredge, Don Lane, Bob LaPree
- Minutes from January 12, 2009 meeting accepted as presented
- In 2009, we asked the Selectmen to set staggered terms for OSC members. Under that proposal terms expire thus: Chapin and Taylor, 2010; Klemarczyk, 2011; Pellerin & S Zankel, 2012. George explains that we need to send a letter to the selectmen seeking reappointment for those who wish it. Susan to check with Bill about his preference.

Old Business

- Updates on Bohanan project – Mark and Dijit met with NRCS and the family – family is well informed about details of the conservation easement. Survey and baseline documentation are underway. Survey cost of \$19,000 may be reduced by information from previous survey. Need to continue to work quickly to accomplish project on desired time line.
- Extensive discussion of project continued from previous meeting: group eventually concluded that the location, conservation value of the property, and anticipated nearby land use changes, did not justify town expenditure. Dijit to provide Ron with contact information for conservation realtor in hopes that a conservation minded buyer can be found.
- Dijit has contacted Audubon Society with a question about their interest in accepting conservation easement on Beyer, but has not yet gotten response.
- Discussion of ongoing needs of properties acquired with open space bond money: group agrees that all properties should be covered by conservation easements and identified on maps and on the land. Assignments to explore mapping: Don to talk to John Boatwright, Lucia to Scott Semmens, Bryan to Karen Roberts. Dijit to meet with conservation commission to see how they feel about these priorities. Don to explore with 5RCT the status of other conservation easements.
- The town attorney has reported that the conservation easements conveyed by the town on Bermuda Harris and Ransmeier properties were conveyed correctly.

New Business

- Town meeting – There is a warrant article seeking to rescind the open space bonding authority. All to contact supportive voters about attending meeting. Need to assess mood of meeting before deciding how much time to spend talking about this at the meeting.

Other: Discussion about future concerns, parcel selection priorities and operating procedures of the committee continued to future meetings.

Date for next meeting: Tuesday, March 16, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Dijit Taylor, recorder