

Hopkinton Open Space Committee  
7:00 p.m. - Wednesday, June 23, 2010

## Town Hall

### Minutes

Approved at OSC Meeting August 25, 2010

#### Administrative

Attendance: Bill Chapin, Lucia Kittredge, Ron Klemarczyk, Dijit Taylor, Susan Zankel, Bob LaPree

Minutes: April meeting minutes shared with corrections agreed upon in May; May meeting minutes approved as written

Date for next meeting – Wednesday July 21

#### Old Business

##### Priorities and Actionable Items

- Funds for OSC projects – group feels that the ideal process is for conservation commission to continue to assist with funding (Taylor)
- Map review of greenbelts around each village – greenbelt around Hopkinton village lacks only a few places to connect.
- Integration with other activities/groups in town – when the signs and website are unveiled would be a good time to reach out to other local groups such as Rotary, Historical Society, Women's Club, Senior Center, PTA, political parties, church groups, Lions, Blackwater Nordic, Girl and Boy Scouts, Boys & Girls Club, 4-H, 5RCt, Library, Greener Hopkinton, American Legion, recreation committee, planning and zoning boards, snow machine club. Possible activities: Open Farm Day, annual walk on each property, hiking trail tour (like a garden tour...)
- Categories/parcels to target for further protection: Bill to check with the owner of a landlocked parcel that abuts one of the earlier open space parcels. Further prioritization tabled until a later date.
- Open Space Committee member skills inventory tabled until a later date

#### Updates

- Signs and website progress: Susan has had a tour of all the open space parcels and is more aware of the issues with each. Susan has an estimate from a professional map maker who could arrange the conservation parcel information so it could be added to the town website. A joint OSC-cons com sub committee plans to meet with the map maker and explore what can be done by volunteers, how to make it easy for local people to update the information on the website, and which properties are ready for this kind of publicity.
- The closing date for the Bohanan conservation easement has been set for June 30. The total amount needed from the open space bond will be \$180,000.

- Town Administrator Neal Cass has done a site visit to the Rollins property and feels that the town road crews can remove the trash in the old chicken coop foundation on the site.
- Further progress on the Rice conservation easement planned in September.
- New Hampshire Audubon is slowly working through its decision process to determine its interest in accepting a conservation easement on the Beyer parcel
- Ransmeier – since the students have just graduated, Lucia will contact the teacher and see what they produced.
- Bob shares a series of photos he took while on a tour of all the open space parcels with Ron.
- A brief description of all of the parcels acquired with open space bond money will be included in the upcoming Recreation Guide.

Other- none

New Business - none

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Dijit Taylor, Recorder