

Hopkinton Open Space Committee  
Wednesday, July 21, 2010  
Local History Room – Town Library

## Minutes

Approved at OSC Meeting August 25, 2010

Administrative - The meeting opened at 7 p.m. with OSC members Lucia Kittredge, Dijit Taylor and Susan Zankel in attendance. Mark Zankel joined later for discussion of Bohanan celebration. Approval of minutes from June 2010 meeting was deferred until next meeting when attendance might be larger.

### Old Business

- Bohanan – Closing of the conservation easement took place on June 30. 5RCT and the Bohanan-Robertson family are hosting a celebration at the farm for September 23 for all the people who helped make the project happen. 5RCT is providing tent, microphone and beverages, family providing chicken barbeque. Speakers to be invited from NRCS, LCHIP and DAMF. (Dijit to contact Lorraine Merrill.) Mark to create a save-the-date email, Dijit to distribute it electronically to those who helped with the project, and send list of names and addresses to Jay Haines. OSC to lead guided walk to Courser Hill at 4 p.m. Lucia to investigate local musicians to provide background music. Lucia will head up a public access working group and be ready to report progress by the time of the celebration. 5RCT planning to have signage in place by the event date – groups discuss signage options and issues.
- Website and sign progress Susan reports that the website committee is actively working with Neatline Associates to provide maps and property descriptions for the town's website. Hand drawn trail maps provided by Ron are excellent. Committee proposes that all signage for Hopkinton conservation properties be green with white lettering. Ransmeier and Bohanan will provide test cases to see how this works out.

### Updates

- Beyer – Audubon interested in further discussion of holding conservation easement on this property. OSC to be invited to later summer/early fall meeting of Audubon committee.
- HHS mapping project – no further information yet available about project done by HHS students on Ransmeier this spring – lack of continuity is part of the problem in depending on student work.
- Rollins – town highway crew is working this into their schedule.
- Landlocked parcel - Bill not here to report.
- Brockway ownership status –(awaiting information from Klemarczyk)

### Discussion Items – delayed until a later meeting.

Categories/parcels (?) to target for further protection  
Open Space Committee member skills inventory

### Other and New Business

- Hopkinton recreation guidebook has been published and includes brief description of parcels acquired with open space bond money.
- Two Eagle Scout projects
  - Sign and parking improvements at Ransmeier. Dijit to ask Ron to scout use green sign with white lettering.
  - Bat condominium at Bohanan (plus bat education and other bat houses in other locations.)

The next meeting will be Wednesday August 25. Wednesday meetings will be impossible for Susan in the fall.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted – Dijit Taylor, recorder