

Hopkinton Open Space Committee  
Thursday, March 17, 2011

**Hopkinton Town Library Community Room**

Minutes  
(approved April 28, 2011)

Administrative

- Attendance: Bill Chapin, Lucia Kittredge, Ron Klemarczyk, Dijit Taylor, Susan Zankel, Rob Knight, Bob LaPree
- Minutes from February meeting were approved as presented with one minor typographical correction.
- Committee members' terms:

<b>Committee Member</b>	<b>Term Ending</b>
Bill Chapin	2013
Ron Klemarczyk	2011
Lucia Kittredge (completing term of Pellerin)	2012
Dijit Taylor	2013
Susan Zankel	2012
George Langwasser	At discretion of BOS

Two committee members are considering leaving before their terms end. While awaiting decisions from them and ideas for replacements before contacting BOS to seek reappointment for Ron and possible new appointments, we brainstorm some possible new members.

- Dates for next meetings: Thursday May 26 (Library Community Room), Thursday June 16 (no location secured yet)

Old Business

- Bohanan Public access – Ron et al need to visit the proposed walking routes again once the snow melts. Discussion of what kind of trail signs are feasible and available. We still hope to have a trail construction day on National Trails Day, June 4. Another year, we may plan outings/nature walks on one or more of the trails in town for National Trails Day.
- Bohanan Sign – 5RCT (Mark) has been informed that both OSC and conservation commission prefer the wording Conserved by the Town of Hopkinton and Five Rivers Conservation Trust and the smaller 5 foot width
- Website update – Lucia has been working with the consultant. Consultant prefers to get all of the final information at once and put the whole thing together when we have provided all the elements. Maps can be based in

GRANIT. Susan will have time to rewrite descriptions of Bohanan and Ransmeier after May 4. There is some remaining confusion about who has list of parcels we want included and what their tax lot numbers are. We think the parcels to include on town map as conservation land/town forests = Bohanan, Ransmeier, Smith Pond Bog, Beyer, Bermuda Harris, Carson (Brockway), Rice, Rollins, Hawthorne, Kimball Lake, Contoocook River Lot, Swett, Chase Sanctuary, Lewis Lot, Mast Yard, Rail Trail, Houston Fields, Gould Forest.) Susan, Lucia and Ron to sort this out. We don't know if the budget for the consultants' work on town map, Bohanan and Ransmeier includes adding photographs to the website. Lucia plans to take another look at the Concord Trails website prior to finalizing work on ours.

- Town meeting – Bob LaPree shares samples of the photos he will assemble into a collage of conserved land to accompany the map of town forests that Ron is preparing. We should be prepared to speak about the proposals to approve conservation easements on all 6 of the parcels purchased with open space bond funds, if needed.

#### Updates

Beyer – still moving slowly

Rice – awaiting agreement on conservation easement language between town attorney, 5RCT and OSC on Rollins before drafting will begin

Parcel near Brockway/Carson – owner visited Bill this week and is interested in selling to the town. This is a project for the Conservation Commission.

#### Discussion Items

Group is eager to reconsider the priorities for protection and plans to focus on this at an upcoming meeting, hopefully with the natural resource inventory maps and any old lists of priorities in hand for the discussion.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Dijit Taylor, recorder