

Hopkinton Open Space Committee
Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Hopkinton Town Hall

Minutes

Attendance: Lucia Kittredge, Dijit Taylor, Ron Klemarczyk, Bob LaPree, volunteer Rob Knight

Approval of Minutes: The March 2012 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved: as amended.

Committee membership update: Dijit has no contact info for possible new committee member and so was unable to contact her. Rob Knight will give Dijit contact info.

Website: Lucia Kittredge reported what is needed on the new website. There are a few mistakes on the maps. Major needs are:

1. Add the town forests
2. Add the Contoocook River Lot with the trails at Mast Yard
3. Add Stevens Rail Trail

Agreed to present the website to the Conservation Commission so they can see what has been done and what needs to be done, and assess support for paying for more work on the website. Bob LaPree will bring a projector.

Website wish list from the Conservation Commission meeting is attached.

Bohanan:

- Need a kiosk at the parking area. There may be a scout available to do it as an Eagle project. Ron will bring it to the Conservation Commission for approval.
- The trail to Corser Hill needs permanent marking. Bob, Lucia, ronand Dijit make plans to mark it on 4/29 at 1:00. Signs will come after the trail is blazed.

GRANIT listings for conservation lands: Five Rivers Conservation Trust intends to update all their properties on GRANIT. The Open Space Committee will work on listing the following properties: Beyer, Kimball Woods (2nd parcel), Stevens Rail Trail, Tudor Richards. Dijit will check with Karen Robertson to see if she is able to provide the information needed to update these properties with GRANIT.

Beyer – NH Audubon Conservation Easement: Brian Pellerin has checked the conservation easement, and now the town attorney is reviewing it. The easement allows a parking lot. Ron reports that the plan is to log the property and use the proceeds to pay for the parking lot.

Updates on Acquisitions:

- **Bohanan abutter:** Dijit has setup a April 23 meeting to talk to the landowner.

- **Lot at Bohanan Farm:** Town now has title for back taxes. The Conservation Commission is going to recommend putting a conservation easement on the property before auctioning it. Bohanan Farm is interested in the property for a woodlot.
- **Boundtree Road prospect:** Property is partly in Hopkinton and partly in Warner. Warner portion abuts Bermuda Harris. Neighbors are very interested in keeping the property undeveloped. Dijit will contact the Warner Conservation Commission and the Contoocook Village Water Precinct to see if they are interested in the parcel. If they are, the next step is an appraisal which would have to be authorized by the Conservation Commission.
- **Dearborn fields:** Bob LaPree has discussed with Jeff Dearborn a conservation easement on both his new field and the older field.

Recreation Committee: Interested to meet with OSC after July 4.

Rollins Field: Lucia is concerned that the field is growing up and the view will be lost. The Fire Department may burn it for practice, and the Conservation Commission is getting a quote on killing the invasive species.

Prioritizing: Lucia suggested:

- Trail around Hopkinton village
- Trail between the two villages
- A parcel on the Contoocook River near Mast Yard.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.

Respectfully submitted, Rob Knight, committee volunteer

Website Notes from 4/17/12 Meeting with the Conservation Commission

1. Would like Google maps for all properties with trails (now have only Bohanan and Ransmeier)
2. Link properties from the home page map (by clicking on the properties) – Denis said he could do this.
3. On 'Open Space' tab, add links to text for the five remaining parcels (Beyer, Bermuda, Rice, Rollins, Carson). Text is already written. Denis said he could do this.
4. On 'Town Forests and Recreation Areas' tab, add links to text for each parcel. Some parcels could share the same generic info about town forests.
[Items below added by Rob]
5. On 'Conservation Lands' tab, add links to Chase and Smith Pond.
6. ON 'General Information' tab, link it to the text.