

Hopkinton Open Space Committee  
Wednesday, November 14, 2012, 7:15 p.m

**Town Hall**

Final Minutes – accepted at December 12, 2012 meeting

Administrative

- Attendance: Natalie Duval, Lucia Kittredge, Ron Klemarczyk, Bib LaPree, Dijit Taylor, Committee volunteer Rob Knight,
- Minutes from October meeting accepted as presented

Old Business

Bohanan

Kiosk issues:

- Boy Scout working on kiosk needs a bit more money for materials. Lucia to relay to him that he should send letter and receipts for expenses to conservation commission for reimbursements. Timing of installation still not clear.
- Discussion of Bob's draft layout of content for kiosk. Maps should be bigger, welcome smaller, photo still large, retain space for info to come about boat launch. Ron provides multiuse sign from NH F&G. Bob wants to be reimbursed for his expenses printing material for sign. Dijit to provide JPEGs for logos of LCHIP, 5RCT and NRCS to Bob for design revisions. (Lucia re Carter, Bob re content)

Boat access Bob and Ron have looked at alternative boat access site and have a vision of what might work. Bob will look at prices and options for the design they have in mind. Ron and Bob to discuss the idea with Jamie whose approval is necessary.

Related trail easement No action yet. Rob to provide text of Concord's trail easement. Ron still plans to get out on land with owner and consider options.

Contacts with land owners

- Revisited policy that it is best to have 2 committee members participate in any substantive meeting with landowners
- Lucia and Bob met and talked with landowners who newly acquired a parcel of some interest to OSC. They are willing to discuss possible small scale public parking which fits with their business plan for the property, but prefer to wait a while before considering conservation easement.
- Lucia and Dijit spoke with a landowner who was very interested in the possibility of a trail across their land that would provide a key linkage in trail/greenway around Hopkinton Village. Rob will send Concord trail easement language as a tool for follow-up meeting that Lucia will arrange.
- Natalie met with new landowners about another key linkage. They were not immediately enthusiastic about the possibility and brought up issues of liability and drainage at their site but are willing to meet with committee reps another

- time. Natalie to take another committee member – possibly Rob because of his experience with trail easements – to a next meeting.
- Dijit has not yet contacted the landowners she plans to speak with.

GRANIT listing for conservation lands – no update

Website - Denis apologizes for slowness on updates. Bob has new photos of Stevens Rail Trail. Wheelchair user has checked out Stevens Rail Trail and finds it needs some smoothing out. An accessible link to the big boulder would be nice too. Ron feels that the Conservation Commission might be willing to work on these needs.

#### Updates

- Beyer – no news
- Trail Easement – Rob to provide Concord document as model
- Possible land donation has fallen through as the owners have found a buyer for the whole property who is not interested in a conservation option
- Bound Tree Road appraisal to start soon – expected completion date mid-December
- Recreation Committee Outreach; next meeting 11/27/12

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05

Next regularly scheduled meeting: 7:15 Wednesday, December 12, 2012 Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Dijit Taylor, recorder