

Hopkinton Open Space Committee  
Wednesday, January 9, 2013, 7:15 p.m.

**Town Hall**

Minutes – Approved at March 13, 2013 meeting

Administrative

In attendance: Natalie Duval, Denis Goddard, Dijit Taylor, Rob Knight,  
Minutes from December 12, 2012 meeting were accepted.

Upcoming meetings: Feb 13, Mar 13, April 10, May 8, June 12 (March meeting in  
Community Room at library, all others at town hall)

Projects

Bohanan

- Kiosk – completed and it looks good.
- Boat access – Ron needs to talk to Jamie Robertson about the potential new access point and vehicle access for unloading boats.
- Related trail easement – Landowner has agreed to public access in principle. Now the specific areas of public access need to be identified, and then a trail agreement signed. Ron plans to talk to the landowner.

Bound Tree Road appraisal – still not back. Dijit will check with the appraiser.

Town Meeting – decided it was not a good forum to present anything.

Trails Subcommittee Report

Rob Knight reported status in Lucia's absence.

- Hopkinton Village loop – Committee has a verbal agreement for the Ransmeier Woods to Sweatt Preserve link. The town just approved the trail easement template, and next step is to sign the agreement and finalize the trail location on the ground. Having been unable so far to secure some desired trail connections through Hopkinton village, the subcommittee feels that it may be better to temporarily bypass the potential trail loop through Beyer and go directly from South Road to Old Putney Hill Road for the time being. The committee intends to meet next week and discuss next steps and was to gain community support for the trail, including contacts with landowners of abutting properties, Rec Committee, village precinct, and Selectmen (possibly at their January 28 meeting).
- Sub-committee is in the process of reaching out to other major land owners along or near the proposed loop walking trail around Hopkinton village.
- Cross Road Access – An interested abutter has been actively meeting with landowners in the area and getting positive responses to the idea of formalizing the trails which already exist in the area.

GRANIT listing for conservation lands – There was some confusion at Town Hall over who would do this. Dijit will resend the list of properties and Karen Robertson will prepare them for Granit listing.

Website - Denis is waiting for Lucia to send the text and then he will add it. Denis plans a structural change to the menus so all pages feed off one menu, making it easier to make updates. Denis will make it so the website comes up better on Google searches.

#### Updates

- Beyer – Dijit checked with Neal Cass, and the draft conservation easement is still with the town attorney. Neal will call the town attorney to ask her to complete her review of the draft.
- Recreation Committee Outreach – Dijit hopes to attend their 1/26/13 meeting.
- OSC Annual report for Town Report –committee approved the proposed payment for 012. Dijit handed out copies of the report, and will give it to Robin for inclusion in the Town Report.
- Town Tax lot at Bohanan Farm – Dijit will write another letter to the selectmen asking them to put a conservation easement on the lot before selling it. Dijit may also bring it up at the January 28 selectmen's meeting.

New Business – none.

Adjournment at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted – Rob Knight volunteer note taker

Next regularly scheduled meeting: Wednesday, February 13, 2013, Town Hall