

Hopkinton Open Space Committee
Wednesday, August 14, 2013, 7:15 p.m.

LOCAL HISTORY ROOM Hopkinton Town Library
Final Minutes – Approved September 11, 2013

Administration

- In attendance: Bob LaPree, Lucia Kittredge, Ron Klemarczyk, Sara Persechino, Dijit Taylor,
- Minutes of July meeting – accepted with minor change in word order
- Upcoming meeting dates: Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 11 (all at Local History Room at Hopkinton Town Library)

Projects

- Bohanan Boat access – Ramp is in place! Unseasonal high water made installation more difficult than anticipated. End of 12' ramp rests on a sandbar but needs to be relocated, which Jamie will do. Bob has changed map and display info in kiosk to reflect availability of river access
- South Road – no new re possible contributions toward appraisal.
- Beyer Conservation Easement – Neal has inserted town attorney comments and expects to have sent to Audubon Society for their review before this meeting. (DT to send Ron a copy)

Trails Group Report

- Trail marking, cutting and bridge construction – bridge construction is coming along well with new bridges/board walks completed at Ransmeier, Aqueduct lot and Sweat, only three more needed
- Landowner outreach –
 - Landowners Esther contacted concerned about liability and volume of use, but willing to continue discussion. ask Esther to let landowner she talked to know that OSC is eager to meet with them to continue discussion after Sept 21 trail opening event
 - Lucia to contact owner of another parcel of interest
- Plans for Sept 21 Grand Opening – Trail group has plans evolving. Discussed best format for map; Lucia will work with CNHRPC to produce, Sara to contact Rec Committee to see if they would like to help organize event and is working on publicity. Lucia will sign letter to potential financial sponsors of the event Will there be enough parking for the people who want to attend? Do we need a porta-potty anywhere? Further plans to be worked out in Trails subgroup. Discussion of signage and plans to purchase arrows and continue design work with assistance from Lee Wilder's daughter.

Updates

- Website – delay discussion of further needs until October meeting and after cons com meets again to discuss paying for needed improvements

New Business

- Rail trail expansion prospect – OSC and Cons com have been approached by Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission with interest in expanding public access of former rail bed. Bob to meet with Warner Cons Com in September to explain what Hopkinton has for existing (or potential) rail trail. Further discussion delayed until October. A number of formerly accessible parts of the former rail bed are no longer accessible for public use.
- A landowner has approached Ron about possible conservation purchase of part of their land, which meets many of the committee's priority criteria. Ron to seek to set up meeting with them for himself and another committee member. Dijit to acquire copy of *Conserving Your Land* to be shared with them at that meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Dijit Taylor, Recorder