

Hopkinton Open Space Committee
Wednesday, Wednesday, May 14, 2014 7:15 p.m.

LOCAL HISTORY ROOM Hopkinton Town Library

Minutes Approved at June 11, 2014 meeting

Administration

- In attendance: Esther Cowles, Bob LaPree, Ron Klemarczyk, Sara Persechino, Dijit Taylor, Rob Knight
- Minutes of April meeting approved with minor corrections
- Upcoming meeting dates: June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10 (all at Local History Room at Hopkinton Town Library)

Review of 2003 Selection Criteria and priorities - Following review of changes from the previous meeting and search for elements that can be eliminated, Esther offers to incorporate the suggestions from the discussion and circulate them to committee before the next meeting. Discussed the need to return to making site visits and trying out the revised check list for the properties currently under consideration.

Old Projects

- Beyer Conservation Easement – still awaiting comments or action from NH Audubon from the final changes to deed language that Neal sent to them
- Appraisal(s) - Two appraisals have recently been received. Invoice forwarded to Conservation Commission. The appraisals are a bit complicated, so will be sent to all committee members for review and discussion at the next meeting. Remember that they contents are confidential at this time. Dijit to let landowners know that the appraisals have been received and that OSC will be in touch with them about them following the next meeting.
- 2015 Historic walk project – no action on this topic at this meeting
- Rob reports that 5RCT has taken no action on the outlot at confluence of Black water and Contocook Rivers

New Projects

- Rail Trail element prospect re email from Bob LaPree on 5/9 – Bob authorized to approach realtor concerning possible OSC interest in the parcel. Bob encourages all to go look at two abutting parcels.
- Trails committee has explored further access across Putney Hill. One owner is about to sign a trail agreement and may encourage others to consider as well. t

Updates

- Website – no news is good news

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Dijit Taylor, Recorder