

Hopkinton Open Space Committee  
Wednesday, Wednesday, July 9, 2014 7:15 p.m.  
Local History Room, Hopkinton Town Library

Minutes approved at meeting 8/13/14

#### Administration

- In attendance: Esther Cowles, Bob LaPree, Lucia Kittredge, Ron Klemarczyk, Dijit Taylor
- Minutes of June meeting accepted with minor changes that Esther volunteered to incorporate
- Upcoming meeting dates: August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10 (all at Local History Room at Hopkinton Town Library)

#### Revised Selection Criteria and Priorities

- Ron moved and Lucia seconded that the committee adopt the revised selection criteria as finalized at the previous meeting. Approved unanimously. Dijit to send to Neal for the Selectboard and Kathy Barnes for the website.

#### Old Projects

- Meeting with Board of Selectmen 6/16 went well. Projects under consideration at this time were explained in non-public session using map provided by Lucia. Board seemed generally interested and supportive, pending further developments. In public session, presented a quick overview of what the OSC has been doing since the Bohanan project in 2009.
- Beyer Conservation Easement – no update available
- Out lot at confluence of Blackwater and Contoocook Rivers – Ron suggests that the proposed conservation easement should include clear blazing at the top of the slope above the river, to minimize possible problems with the steep slope and flood plain forest.
- Appraisal(s) and follow up – committee reviewed and agreed that summaries of appraisals were correct and easier to understand. The possibility of mitigation funding to assist with one of the projects was discussed. Dijit and Ron to take appraisal summary and mitigation possibility back to one landowner. Dijit to informally ask Lori Sommer about the mitigation possibility. Meet with Selectboard again to explain the new possibility. Decided to defer presenting other appraisal until seeing if further action is warranted on other parcel. Bob authorized to explain to owner abutting one parcel that the possible project on their land depends on progress with abutting parcel.
- 2015 Historic walk project – Saturday June 13, 2015 (rain date June 20) – some kind of event(s) on the Hopkinton Village Greenway, perhaps also with a self guided new trail map including historic information including “A Legal Tragedy” that led to the creation of the state hospital (See Hopkinton History page 131)
- Rail Trail element – no report

#### Updates

- Trails committee report – Making progress with further access between Putney Hill Road and Dolly Road. Further update deferred until next meeting as almost everyone attending is also on the Trails Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Dijit Taylor, Recorder