

Hopkinton Open Space Committee
Wednesday, Wednesday, August 13, 2014 7:15 p.m.

LOCAL HISTORY ROOM Hopkinton Town Library

Minutes approved at meeting 9/10/14

Administration

- In attendance: Esther Cowles, Bob LaPree, Lucia Kittredge, Ron Klemarczyk, Sara Persechino, Dijit Taylor,
- Minutes of July meeting accepted as presented
- Upcoming meeting dates: September 10 (Lucia will be away), October 8, November 12, December 10 (all at Local History Room at Hopkinton Town Library)

Old Projects

- Meeting with Board of Selectmen– they are very enthusiastic about possible non-town funding for a good conservation project
- Beyer Conservation Easement – nothing heard from request for update from both Town Administrator and Audubon staff
- Out lot at confluence of Blackwater and Contoocook Rivers – Draft conservation easement is progressing through 5RCT process
- Appraisal(s) and follow up
 - Abutting existing protected property –
 - DES, OSC and 5RCT pursuing possible wetland mitigation funding
 - Survey needs some adjustment – Ron to pursue
 - Dijit, Ron & Ken Stern (%RCT to meet with Dustin's 8/15 re draft language of conservation easement
 - Owner who requested OSC assistance – committee agrees that sharing the summary of the appraisal and the appraisal if requested is the next step. Sooner rather than later to give them time to think it over
 - Owner abutting above – Bob has let them know we are unable to pursue at this time
- 2015 Historic walk project – more brainstorming about possible content and logistics. A guided walk of some length supplemented with written information about interesting historic facts on and near the trail is the current preference

Updates

- Trail Committee report: Making good progress with possible links from Putney Hill to Contoocook Village– Agreement signed with a landowner on Putney Hill, verbal agreements with two others; hope to get better map from CNHRPC before taking some requests to Selectboard

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55

Respectfully submitted, Dijit Taylor, Recorder