

Hopkinton Open Space Committee (OSC)  
Wednesday, Wednesday, September 10, 2014 7:15 p.m.

LOCAL HISTORY ROOM Hopkinton Town Library

Minutes Approved at October 2014 meeting

#### Administration

- In attendance: Esther Cowles, Bob LaPree, Ron Klemarczyk, Dijit Taylor, Rob Knight
- Minutes of August meeting accepted as presented
- Upcoming meeting dates: October 8, November 12, December 10 (all at Local History Room at Hopkinton Town Library)

#### Old Projects

- Dustin Project Update –
  - New survey under way with funding from conservation commission; needs deed research into areas of boundary line confusion, probably new boundary line agreement between Dustins and Bohanans
  - Will new line be blazed?
  - Jed Merrow from Conservation Commission doing wetland survey as volunteer donation
  - Ron will be the speaker for the Conservation Commission/OSC at the upcoming public hearing on allowing town to acquire conservation easement on this land, and expending conservation fund money on it
  - Ron will bring a large version of map to show at public hearing
  - Dijit to send Ron most recent version of budget to Ron for use at public hearing
  - Town needs to do title work or acquire title insurance
- Beyer Conservation Easement – Neal has checked with Phil Brown at Audubon but with no response yet
- Out lot at confluence of Blackwater and Contoocook Rivers
  - Rob has drafted a conservation easement, which is now being reviewed by the 5RCT attorney
  - Draft calls for marking a protected “no timber harvest” area above the slope and as a buffer for the trail
  - 5RCT awaiting Board approval of accepting conservation easement on this parcel
  - 5RCT is likely to want \$10,000 for stewardship, legal, and other transaction costs for this property
  - Blackwater River has very pretty double terrace through this area
- Follow up re appraisal for owner who requested OSC assistance
  - Dijit and Ron to make appointment to return to share the appraisal information with these owners

- June 13th 2015- Hopkinton Greenway Historic Walking Tour at Greenway Trails (rain date 20th)
  - ongoing discussion about best format and location for conveying historic information to hikers
  - Start from Kimball Cabins because there is good parking there
  - Also have historic facts on a handout that can be posted on line/distributed after the primary event

#### Updates

- Trail committee report
  - Trail committee continues to actively pursue new trail locations, currently working on link between Putney Hill Road and Contoocook Village
  - New trail agreement between existing greenway trail through Aqueduct lot and Putney Hill Road
  - Horseback riders want to assist with trail work

#### Other

- Bohanan Conservation Easement and Trails
  - Rob has recently done monitoring for 5RCT on Bohanan and notes some minor problems with location of trail to Courser Hill
  - Would access from Dustin Road help and be acceptable to landowner?

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Next meeting: October 8 at Local History Room at Hopkinton Town Library

Respectfully submitted, Dijit Taylor, Recorder