

Hopkinton Open Space Committee  
Wednesday, Wednesday, December 10, 2014 7:15 p.m.

LOCAL HISTORY ROOM Hopkinton Town Library

Minutes

Approved at January 2015 meeting

Administration

- In attendance: Esther Cowles, Lucia Kittredge, Ron Klemarczyk, Sara Persechino, Dijit Taylor, Rob Knight
- Minutes of November meeting were deemed unusable by recorder and will be presented again at January meeting
- Upcoming meeting dates: January 14, February 11, March 11, April 15, May 13, June 10, 2015

Old Projects

- Dustin Project Update – closed on November 20!
- Beyer Conservation Easement – Dijit has talked to Audubon Society President Mike Bartlett who will have Phil Brown resume work on this. The Conservation Commission is also in communication with Audubon Society for beaver issues at the /Brockway Preserve.
- Out lot at confluence of Blackwater and Contoocook Rivers – confusion and complications to title to the land suggest that placing a conservation easement on it might not be the best thing to do
- Appraisal and follow up – After some discussion, the committee decides to provide a copy of the appraisal to the landowner and hope that Ron and Dijit can talk with them before the January meeting

Updates

- 2015 Historic walk project subcommittee – Ron and Lucia have a date to discuss the various interesting sites and information that might be included in the walk and a history-oriented trail brochure
- Trail committee report – The Trails Subcommittee continues to make progress on linkages between Putney Hill and Contoocook. A possible acquisition is under consideration. Lucia will run the parcel through the Open Space Committee's selection criteria and report back at next meeting

New Business

- Annual Report due January 9 – Esther will draft and circulate for committee comments. Maps of the new trail segments are needed both for the annual report and for the website. Lucia will get an estimate from Ann Deeley.
- An inquiry has been made about the committee's interest in another parcel on the Contoocook River. Esther will send the updated selection criteria to the committee members so all can review the parcel against them. Further discussion planned for the January meeting.

- Discussed whether this is a good year to seek an increase in the percent of the land use change tax that is allocated to the Conservation Fund. Mixed feedback from various members of the Board of Selectmen.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Dijit Taylor, Recorder