

Hopkinton Open Space Committee  
Wednesday, Wednesday, January 14, 2015 7:15 p.m.

LOCAL HISTORY ROOM Hopkinton Town Library

Minutes Accepted February 11, 2015

#### Administration

- In attendance: Lucia Kittredge, Ron Klemarczyk, Dijit Taylor, Rob Knight
- Minutes of November and December meetings approved with a minor change to page 2 for November
- Upcoming meeting dates: February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, 2015

#### Old Projects

- Beyer Conservation Easement - Ron has met with Phil Brown from Audubon. A partial survey is needed to set one corner that was apparently not set during the previous survey. Ron to discuss this with conservation commission. Phil plans to make changes to draft conservation easement to correct verbs related to parking area and something about rock pile. Dijit, Ron and Neal Cass to review Phil's revisions.
- Out lot at confluence of Blackwater and Contoocook Rivers – The Conservation Commission is sending Ron and Rob to talk to the landowner. This project no longer has any connection to the Open Space Committee and will be removed from agenda
- Appraisal and follow up – appraisal has been sent to the landowners. Dijit and Ron to hold follow up meeting.
- Selection criteria applied to potential acquisition on Contoocook River – Rob ran through the check list as much as possible without a site visit. It has riverine values, and appears to be last large lot along river, but is far from the center of either village. What are the probable futures for this parcel? A realtor has suggested to the owner a value of double the assessed value. Ron to talk with possible buyer about a conservation easement, Rob to speak with owner about town's possible interest. Pair with another project in a similar part of town?
- Possible project between Putney Hill and Contoocook Village - trails committee understands that the owner wants to sell a parcel which has potential to provide an important element of trail connection between Putney Hill area and Contoocook Village. Lucia and Cleve to discuss conservation opportunities with someone they know who is close to the owners.
- Dijit shared a nice thank you letter from Beth McGuinn at 5 Rivers Conservation Trust about the Dustin project.
- Dijit to get back to Bryan Pellerin about possibility on Gould Hill, although committee members believe the lot in question has already been sold,

#### Updates

- June 13th (20<sup>th</sup>) 2015 Historic walk project subcommittee- Lucia and Ron have made good progress and have concept and draft layout for a brochure with text on cover

and map in side. Stations will be marked and numbered on the trail for the public event and until the temporary signs wear out. After that, sites can be located via user's GPS. Committee provides minor suggestions about text and formatting. Sara expected to help with final layout and printing.

- Trail committee report – skipped since everyone except Dijit at the meeting is part of the group
- Conservation Commission has decided, after further consultation with the Board of Selectmen, that next year may be a better time to seek and increase in the % of land use change tax allocated to the Conservation Fund.

#### New Business

- Annual Report due January 9 – The illness of Esther's computer prevented her from getting this done on time. Dijit to check if there is still time to include it in the town report. Report should include a thank you to Kathy Barnes for her excellent volunteer work on the website.
- The map of the Bohanan Property needs to be revised to show the trail out to the Amesbury lot, crossing Dustin. Anne Deely of Neatline Associates will charge \$250 to update the maps. Conservation Commission to discuss paying for this.

#### Other

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dijit Taylor, recorder