

Hopkinton Open Space Committee

Wednesday, October 14, 2015 – 7:15 p.m.

Local History Room, Hopkinton Town Library

Minutes approved at the November 4, 2015 meeting

Administration

- Attendance: Esther Cowles, Bob LaPree, Lucia Kittredge, Ron Klemarczyk, Sara Persechino, Dijit Taylor, Rob Knight
- Minutes of June and September meetings approved with corrections
- Upcoming Dates: November 4, December 9, January 13, 2016, February 10, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8

Old Projects

- Louise Carr sent the Open Space Committee a thank you note for the historical hike on behalf of the 250th anniversary committee.
- Beyer Conservation Easement – awaiting setting corners which Ron plans to do once he gets caught up from being away much of the summer fighting western forest fires.
- Follow up appraised parcel – Dijit to phone landowners to see if they are still interested in pursuing a conservation project. The owners have done some cutting around part of one of the parcels.

New Projects

- Conservation commission has discovered that the owner of a small lot near one of the trails is conservation minded
- Review of list of town owned properties with conservation values delayed until November meeting. Selectboard is starting budget work so is unlikely to get back to studying possible future uses of town owned land in the short term

Updates

- Trail Committee to meet 10/21. Committee continues to explore ways to connect the Hopkinton Village Greenway trails with Contoocook Village. Potential for landowner creating small parking near one of the potential access points. Possibility raised of a conservation easement on land near one of the possible routes. Question: Are mountain bikes allowed on the Greenway?
- Lucia met with Kathy Barnes about the website. It is getting lots of hits from “Hopkinton Trails.” Kathy wants to continue to keep the website updated. New map and text are needed to show that parking for the Stevens Rail Trail is at Houston Fields/library. Lucia will circulate draft text.

- Website is more accessible and better maintained with the work Kathy Barnes is doing on it.

Other

- Rob will check on the asking price of a parcel of possible interest that now has a for sale sign on it.
- Conservation Photo for 250th anniversary photo gallery scheduled for October 17, 1 p.m.(?) at Bohanan property
- Question raised about disc golf on conservation land. Committee feels that activity may be better suited to park land.
- Rollins parcel needs to be cleared again, and needs to be blazed on the side toward Little Tooky Road. Referred to Conservation Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted, Dijit Taylor, recorder