

Hopkinton Conservation Commission
May, 10, 2016 Meeting
Held at Kimball Lake Cabin #1

5/10/16 Minutes – Approved 6/21/16

Present: Lee Wilder, Ron Klemarczyk, Rob Knight, Jed Merrow, Bob Lapree, Cleve Kapala, Melissa Jones, Alternate Jonathan Bradstreet

Guest Present: Re Harrick Lots: John Arnold – attorney; Duane Cowan – architect

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 by Chairperson Lee Wilder.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Herrick Town Lot 99.22: John Arnold represented a purchaser who intends to combine the Herrick lots into one large lot. He asked for feedback from the HCC on Lot #22 which is owned by the town. When the Herrick Lots are consolidated there will be no subdivision roads and therefore no access to Lot #22 or the six conservation easements held by the town on portions of other Herrick lots. Discussed making a formal agreement with the new purchaser that gives the town access to Lot #22 for conservation purposes but not public access, and also formalizes the Town's right of access to the six conservation easement areas for monitoring purposes. John Arnold will prepare a draft agreement for HCC review. Discussed the purchaser's desire to clear trees to create a view. HCC stated that Lot #22 was given to the town to protect a bog and cutting trees on Lot #22 would be unacceptable. Also removal of trees in the six conservation easement areas would be restricted by the terms of the conservation easements. Duane Cowan said he would reconsider the siting of the house in light of the restrictions on tree removal.
2. Mail and notices received by the HCC were circulated to the committee.
3. HCC minutes of 4/19/16: Approved as presented.
4. Treasurer's report: Accepted as presented. Approved payment of \$60 to Rob Knight as reimbursement of registration fee for Saving Special Places conference.
5. Trail committee report: Cleve Kapala has received copies of five executed trail agreements (Russell, Dearborn, Martin, Crathern, Houston). The next step in the creation of trails between Putney Hill and Contoocook village will be to flag the trail alignment. The Trails Committee has no plan at present to fix the beaver flooding on Cross Road or get access to Maple Street via Cross Road. Rob Knight reported that the trail layout on the Horne property has been reviewed and the Trails Committee will begin cutting the trail. Cleve reported the Hopkinton Conservation Lands website is getting good traffic (2,277 unique visits this year and 15,702 since the site went up). Bob Lapree reported the Contoocook River is still too high to set the canoe ramp. The wooden base for the ram has disappeared and he will make a new one.
6. Rollins Lot boundary survey: Ron Klemarczyk will call Tim Bernier to find out when he will do the survey.
7. Proposed timber harvests: As part of the town's forest management, Ron Klemarczyk recommended timber sales on four woodlots. Voted to approve Ron pursuing timber sales on Rollins (est \$8,000 revenue, and will need a forestry management plan) and Gould Lot (est \$10,000 or more revenue). Ron will look at Contoocook River Lot and Foote Lot to plan timber sales.

8. Cemetery lot: The Cemetery Committee is still considering whether they want to be a part of a possible purchase.
9. Boardwalks at Smith Pond Bog: Lee Wilder reported that NH Audubon has closed the area due to the unsafe condition of the boardwalk.
10. Hopkinton Master Plan – Chapter IX: Lissa Jones has finished edits and sent them to Lee Wilder. Lee will forward it to committee members for their review prior to the next HCC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Moss lot bounds for exclusion area: Rob Knight reported that he and Lee Wilder were unable to locate bounds to mark the exclusion area around the residence, and the Moss conservation easement cannot be properly monitored without knowing the bounds. Rob will look for the property map at the town offices, as a first step to locating the pins (if they were ever set).
2. Kimball Lake gate: Lissa Jones has a 12' gate to donate; Ron Klemarczyk will get the posts.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Minutes submitted by Rob Knight, Secretary.

Next HCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 21 at 7 PM at Kimball Lake cabin.

Lissa is the host.