

Hopkinton Conservation Commission  
June 21, 2016 Meeting  
Held at Kimball Lake Cabin #1

### **6/21/16 Minutes – Draft**

Present: Lee Wilder, Rob Knight, Bob Lapree, Cleve Kapala, Doug Giles, and Alternates:  
Melissa Jones, Jonathan Bradstreet  
Guest Present: Re Harrick Lots: John Arnold – attorney  
Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Chairperson Lee Wilder.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Herrick Town Lot 99.22: John Arnold reported that the Planning Board has approved the merger of the Herrick lots. He presented a draft access easement deed for review by the HCC. It was suggested that the advance notice be changed from 48 to 24 hours, and that contact information for Grantor be provided. Rob Knight suggested that the new agreement should not include the six conservation easements which already have access terms included in the conservation easement. HCC voted to recommend to the Select Board approval of the access easement deed with 24 hour notice and contact information, and to cover Lot 22 and the six conservation areas. Rob Knight cast a negative vote.  
John Arnold was aware of the terms of the conservation easement, including “no cutting or removal of living trees or plants from the Property...”  
Rob Knight suggested that the HCC should visit the properties as soon as possible to make a baseline. A visit will be scheduled.
2. Mail and notices received by the HCC were circulated to the committee.
3. HCC minutes of 5/10/16: Approved as presented.
4. Treasurer’s report: Jed Merrow reported by email that the only transaction last month was \$1,000 for Chuck Rose for the Rollins lot, and receipt of a small change of use tax payment. Approved payment of \$50.27 to Ron Klemarczyk as reimbursement of materials for the gate at Kimball Lake. It was noted with appreciation that the 12’ gate was a donation from Melissa Jones.
5. Trail committee report:
  - A gate and boulders were placed at the beginning of the Greenway trail at Kimball Lake to prevent unauthorized vehicle access.
  - The website needs to be updated to reflect new trails at Horne and Dustin properties. Approved payment of up to \$300 to Ann Deely to update the maps for the website.
  - The trail on the Horne Town Forest has been cut. Cleve Kapala is organizing volunteers to remove rubbish by the cabin site. The access off Burrage Road needs to be improved.
  - The new trail off Maple Street needs a bridge to provide access from one property to another, and Ron Klemarczyk is designing a bridge.
6. Rollins Lot boundary survey: Ron Klemarczyk was not present to report when Tim Bernier will mark the boundary in question.
7. Proposed timber harvests: In the absence of Ron Klemarczyk, discussion of timber sales postponed to a future meeting.

8. Cemetery lot: The Cemetery Committee has not committed to being part of a possible purchase. Lee Wilder will discuss steps toward a possible purchase with Neal Cass.
9. Sheldon Lot exclusion area pins: Discussion postponed until Ron Klemarczyk is present.
10. Beaver flooding at Cross Road: Cross Road is blocked by the beaver pond. Since this does not affect plans for trails in the area, the flooding is not a HCC issue.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Sledding hill at Hawthorne Woods: Lissa Jones has been contacted by an abutter to the property, Esther Cowles, who said the popular sledding hill is becoming too over-grown to use for sledding. Problems are knotweed and pine trees. After discussion agreed knotweed is very difficult to control but in winter dies back and is not a sledding problem. Discussed cutting the pine trees with a work party from the HCC.
2. Summer meeting schedule: Lee Wilder proposed that the HCC not meet in July and August and that any urgent business could be handled by email. Everyone was in agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Rob Knight, Secretary.

Next HCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 20 at 7 PM at Kimball Lake cabin.

Lee is the host.