

Hopkinton Conservation Commission  
September 20, 2016 Meeting  
Held at Kimball Lake Cabin #1

**9/20/16 Minutes** – Approved 10/18/16

Present: Lee Wilder, Rob Knight, Bob Lapree, Cleve Kapala, Doug Giles, Jed Merrow, Ron Klemarczyk and Alternates: Melissa Jones, Jonathan Bradstreet  
Guest Present: Hilary Chapman – NH Audubon  
Meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Chairperson Lee Wilder.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Brockway Preserve brochure: Hilary Chapman presented a draft trifold brochure. HCC approved it for printing with corrections. NH Audubon will also post it online. Cleve Kapala will arrange for it to be added to the town trails website.
2. Mail and notices received by the HCC were circulated to the committee.
3. HCC minutes of 6/21/16: Approved as presented.
4. Treasurer's report: Jed Merrow reported that the Town Forest account balance is \$28,745 and the Conservation account is \$45,856 at the end of August. The Budget Committee has asked for a budget for next year. Jed will draft a budget similar to last year.
5. Potential gift of land: Lee Wilder reported that a town resident is considering a gift of land with a portion of disputed boundary if an abutter who also claims the same land is willing to donate his interests. Lee Wilder sent a letter on behalf of the HCC to the abutter on 8/30/16 and has not yet received a reply.
6. Herrick Lot: Lee Wilder, Ron Klemarczyk, and Bob LaPree met with the owner and his logger on site to discuss tree removal.
7. Trail committee report:
  - The committee met with a representative who is working on a Concord to Sunapee rail-trail. Stevens Rail Trail would be part of the route. The Warner end of the Stevens Rail Trail is normally wet and muddy, and the HCC would be asked to improve that area. Discussed a split rail fence at Spring Street to prevent unauthorized vehicle access to the trail since vehicles are damaging the wet area. [Previously a fence had been authorized at the 6/16/15 HCC meeting, cost not to exceed \$200.]
  - The Trails Committee is organizing a trail opening on the Horne Town Forest on October 23 at 1:00. Volunteer help from HCC members would be welcome. Bob LaPree is making signs for the trail. Up to \$125 was authorized for signs.
8. Rollins Lot boundary survey: Rob Knight will call Tim Bernier to mark the boundary in question.
9. Proposed timber harvests: Ron Klemarczyk will have the timber marked by the next meeting of the HCC.
10. Cemetery lot: The Cemetery Committee is being reconstituted, and so has not made a decision on the purchase.
11. Beyer Lot boundary line: Rob Klemarczyk and Bob LaPree have blazed and painted red the property line that was unmarked.
12. Sheldon Lot exclusion area pins: Ron Klemarczyk will locate the pins when he has time.

13. Conservation easements to be monitored by the HCC: Lee Wilder and Rob Knight will monitor Chase Farm, Janeway and Brockway/Johnson properties later this fall, and Sheldon in the spring.
14. Sledding hill at Hawthorne Woods: Lee Wilder will mow the hill with his tractor, and HCC volunteers will cut the pine trees.
15. Gift of a conservation easement: Ron Klemarczyk reported that he has been working with a landowner who would like to place a conservation easement on approximately 15 – 20 acres of fields. Property has been surveyed. Discussed the possibility of the HCC paying the transaction costs of \$10,000 to \$12,000 for a Five Rivers Conservation Trust versus the HCC holding the easement itself. HCC looked with favor at learning more about the field and its public values. Ron Klemarczyk abstained since the donor is a client.

NEW BUSINESS

1. HCC Contact list: Lee Wilder distributed a new contact list.
2. HCC elections: Lee Wilder suggested that the HCC could hold an election of officers. Members felt an election is unnecessary at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Minutes submitted by Rob Knight, Secretary.

Next HCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 18 at 7 PM at Kimball Lake cabin.

Jed is the host.