

Hopkinton Conservation Commission  
September 18, 2018 Meeting  
Held at Kimball Cabin

### **9/18/18 Minutes – Accepted 10/16/18**

Present: Lee Wilder, Ron Klemarczyk, Rob Knight, Cleve Kapala, Doug Giles, Melissa Jones, Bob LaPree

Alternates: Jonathan Bradstreet, James Newsome

Visitor: A Boy Scout and Bonnie Christie

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Chairperson Lee Wilder

Bonnie Christie reported an algae bloom in the wetland off Cross Road. The report was accepted, however the HCC chose not to discuss that wetland due to a pending DES complaint, so there was no discussion.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Mail and notices received by the HCC were circulated to the committee.
2. HCC minutes of 6/12/18: Accepted as presented by Rob Knight.
3. Treasurer's report: The checking account has \$1,100; the Conservation Account \$69,000; the Town Forest Account \$69,000. Report accepted.
4. HCC fall elections: Voted to elect as officers: Lee Wilder – Chair; Ron Klemarczyk – Vice Chair; Rob Knight – Secretary; Melissa Jones – Treasurer.
5. HCC summer camper: Lee Wilder reported the camper attended a session at the Barry Conservation Camp. It was discussed that we need to start the process for 2019 earlier in order to have a wider choice of sessions. We will start the selection process earlier for next year, in November or December 2018.
6. Trail subcommittee update: Cleve Kapala reported that the Trails committee met 9/17/18. The committee is reaching out to other trail users such as runners and bikers. The committee recommends Pierre Vanden Borre, a mountain biker, for committee membership. The HCC will request the Select Board appoint Pierre to the HCC Trails subcommittee. Cleve is moving away from volunteers being assigned to a particular trail or trail section, and instead will develop a pool of volunteers to do trail maintenance. Cleve will clarify if there is any liability coverage from the town for volunteers.  
Upcoming hikes: 10/14 First Church on a section of the Greenway. 10/21 trail opening on the new trail between Putney Hill and Cross Road.  
The Trails committee suggests a meeting with the Select Board to update them on our trails and use of Class VI roads. Cleve will setup a meeting.  
Rollins lot trail is still pending.  
Bob Lapree reported that the rail trail group has a grant to rehabilitate the Stevens Rail Trail. They are getting DES permits to fix the drainage at the Warner end, and will hard pack the entire length.
7. Beyer Lot NH Audubon conservation easement: Rob Knight reported that OSC members have provided comments on the draft conservation easement and Dijit Taylor will assemble the comments and relay them to Neal Cass for BOS and town counsel review.

8. Sheldon Lot easement boundaries: Ron Klemarczyk reported that Foreco is waiting for leaves to fall before setting the pins.
9. Brockway usage: Lee Wilder circulated the schedule of fall activities planned by NH Audubon. Hillary Chapman is doing a great job, using Brockway with school groups.
10. Stevens Rail Trail gate: Bob LaPree will make sure the lock on the gate provides access for the snowmobile club as well as the Fire Department and HCC.
11. Barnard/Dufault boundary: Dave Dufault continues to try and work out a resolution to the disputed boundary between his land and the Barnards.
12. Contoocook River kayak ramp: Lee Wilder suggested a floating platform for the end of the ramp. A float may need a permit. Bob LaPree will work with Bohanan Farm to pull the ramp this fall.
13. Mowing Rollins lot: Ron Klemarczyk is arranging mowing this fall. The frequency and area to be mowed was discussed.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Hart conservation easement: Rob Knight reported that the easement closed on Friday 9/14/18 on 27.5 acres. The HCC contributed \$7,500 for the stewardship donation.
2. Annual monitoring of conservation easements: Will be done by Lee, Rob and Jonathan.
3. Warner River RMPP Hopkinton member for LAC: The Warner River protection was approved by the legislature. Each community is supposed to send a representative to the management advisory committee. Doug Giles will represent Hopkinton.
4. The NH Association of Conservation Commissions is holding its fall conference, if anyone wants to attend.

Ron Klemarczyk made a motion, seconded by Cleve Kapala to adjourn to non-public meeting per RSA 91 A:3 II (d) Acquisition of real estate. Vote unanimous in favor. The Committee adjourned to non-public session at 7:53 PM. The Committee returned from non-public session at 8:49 PM. Ron Klemarczyk made a motion, seconded by Cleve Kapala to seal the minutes until the project is able to go public or removed from consideration. Vote unanimous in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Minutes submitted by Rob Knight, Secretary.

Next HCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Kimball Cabin. Lee is the host.