

Hopkinton Conservation Commission
October 16, 2018 Meeting
Held at Kimball Cabin

10/16/18 Minutes – DRAFT

Present: Lee Wilder, Ron Klemarczyk, Rob Knight, Cleve Kapala, Melissa Jones, Bob LaPree
Alternates: Jonathan Bradstreet, James Newsome
Visitor: Bonnie Christie
Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Chairperson Lee Wilder

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mail and notices received by the HCC were circulated to the committee.
2. HCC minutes of 9/18/18: Public minutes accepted as presented. James Newsome suggested one correction to the non-public minutes. Non-public minutes accepted as amended.
3. Treasurer's report: The checking account has \$1,068; the Conservation Account \$61,568; the Town Forest Account \$68,608. Report accepted.
4. Trail subcommittee update: Cleve Kapala reported that the Trails committee met 10/11/18 to plan the Putney Hill to Cross Road trail opening on 10/21 at 1:00. Volunteers from the HCC are needed to help with parking. Lee Wilder volunteered to help.
At the recommendation of the Trails Committee, voted to add Melissa Jones and Pierre Vanden Borre to the Trails Committee.
Bob Lapree presented a trail sign to mark cooperating landowners' lands. Authorized Bob to spend no more than \$160 to purchase 50 signs. Bob will make temporary photocopies of the sign for the hike on Sunday.
The Trails Committee discussed guidelines for trail users. A draft has been sent to Neal Cass for his review.
5. 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.
6. Sheldon Lot easement boundaries: Ron Klemarczyk reported that Foreco is scheduling setting the pins.
7. Annual monitoring of conservation easements: Will be done by Lee, Rob and Jonathan after the leaves fall.
8. New Cemetery lot: Current negotiation status discussed
9. Brockway trail maintenance: Doug Giles has taken care of the fallen trees.
10. Stevens Rail Trail gate: Bob LaPree reported that the Concord Sunapee Rail Trail group has had trouble getting DES permits for the drainage work. No update on the gate.
11. Barnard/Dufault boundary: Bob Lapree reported that Dave Dufault is pursuing an acquiesce claim.
12. Contoocook River kayak ramp: Bob LaPree will work with Bohanan Farm to pull the ramp this fall.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Intent to cut on the Kennedy property at Clement Pond: Ron Klemarczyk will confirm with the logger that they will access the property from the two sides and not try to cross the marsh/brook in the middle.
2. NHACC dues: Approved payment of \$350 for the annual dues to the NHACC.
3. Recycling Committee initiative against plastic bags: Bonnie Christie reported that the Recycling Committee has received a \$5,000 grant to purchase 500 reuseable bags and hand them out at the polls. After lengthy discussion of the Recycling Committee's plans, voted to donate \$500 to the Recycling Committee to support the initiative against plastic bags. The HCC name and the town's logo will be printed on the bags. The HCC will review a draft copy of the information insert to be put in the reusable bags.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Minutes submitted by Rob Knight, Secretary.

Next HCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Bob is the host.