

Hopkinton Conservation Commission
November 20, 2018 Meeting
Held at Town Hall

11/20/18 Minutes – Approved 1/15/19

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

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 for 10/16/18 meeting: Accepted as presented.
3. Treasurer's report: The following payments were authorized: NHACC - dues \$350; Cleve Kapala - reimburse cost of NHACC conference \$60; Hopkinton Recycling committee - bag project \$500; Bob LaPree - landowner signs \$158.50.
4. HCC summer camper 2019: Lee Wilder reported that he has reserved a male gender spot in the July 14-19 session, "4-H on the Wild Side". The school will recommend a camper.
5. Trail subcommittee update: Cleve Kapala reported that the Trails committee met 11/13/18. There were 75 hikers at the Putney Hill to Cross Road trail opening. Bob Lapree has ordered trail signs to mark cooperating landowners' land. Neal Cass has not yet reviewed guidelines for trail users. The HCC authorized Lee Wilder and Luci Kittredge to co-sign a letter to thank cooperating landowners for allowing trails on their land. Ron Klemarczyk has a Boy Scout lined up to clear the Rollins trail in late spring.
6. Hunting on HCC lands: Lee Wilder reported communications from the town office regarding hunting on conservation land. Hunting is not permitted on four properties: Brockway/Carson; Hawthorne; Beyers; and Kimball Lake. Properly posting the properties so violations could be prosecuted is very onerous, and signs are often torn down. Ron Klemarczyk suggested posting along roads and at access points only. Post with hardware store No Hunting signs on 9x12 pieces of ½" PT plywood. Agreed members of the HCC would post signs in late summer 2019. Discussed putting NH Fish and Game "Multi-Use Area" signs at trailheads on properties with hiking trails where hunting is permitted.
7. Beyer Lot NH Audubon conservation easement: Rob Knight reported that OSC members have provided comments on the draft conservation easement but Dijit Taylor has not had time to assemble the comments and relay them to Neal Cass for BOS and town counsel review. Rob will check with Dijit.
8. Sheldon Lot easement boundaries: Ron Klemarczyk reported that now Foreco wants to wait until spring to set the pins that were not set during the survey.
9. Annual monitoring of conservation easements: Will be done by Lee, Rob and Jonathan, and Lee will schedule it.
10. Contoocook River kayak ramp: Bob LaPree will arrange for Bohanan Farm to pull the ramp this fall.
11. Recycling Committee shopping bags: Lee Wilder showed one of the bags with the HCC logo on it. Bonnie Christie reported that the Recycling Committee handed out 300 bags. Bonnie suggested various ways the HCC could help to promote the campaign against plastic

bags. Given other commitments by the HCC, it was agreed that promoting the campaign would be best done by the Recycling committee.

12. New Cemetery lot: Status of negotiations was discussed. Lee Wilder will continue negotiations, with the goal of bringing a proposal to the HCC.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Houston conservation easement: Ron Klemarczyk reported that the OSC met with the Economic Development committee, as requested by the Select Board, and the EDC voted to support the project. Rob Knight will ask Neal Cass to put the project on a future Select Board agenda.
2. Hawthorne Forest signage: The hanging sign has fallen down and is rotten. Agreed that a hanging sign is no longer necessary. Fallen sign was repaired and posted in top of Rollin's Road Kiosk.
3. HCC annual report: Report is due to Robin by 1/01/19. Ron Klemarczyk will write the report. Melissa Jones will prepare the financial report.
4. Agreed a December meeting would not be scheduled unless pressing business came up

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Minutes submitted by Rob Knight, Secretary.

Next HCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Rob is the host.