

4/18/17 Minutes – Approved 5/16/17

Present: Lee Wilder, Rob Knight, Cleve Kapala, Doug Giles, Jed Merrow, Jonathan Bradstreet
Meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Chairperson Lee Wilder.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mail and notices received by the HCC were circulated to the committee.
2. HCC minutes of 2/21/17: Approved as corrected.
3. Treasurer's report: Accepted. Jed Merrow presented an informative spreadsheet showing the town's expenses and income related to land preservation from 2001 to present. A copy will be filed with the Town Hall.
4. Trail subcommittee update: Cleve Kapala will draft language for the website to make it clearer what trail uses are permitted and where – e.g. no motorized vehicles, horses on Class VI roads only, bicycles, etc. Cleve reported that he and Bob Lapree fixed the bridge on the Ransmeier trail which was displaced by a large pine tree which fell over. Cleve reported that the trail from Putney Hill Road to Cross Road is ready to be cleared and he plans to start work in May. Rob Knight reported that representatives from the Concord - Lake Sunapee Rail Trail met with the Open Space Committee. Town representatives are Dave White and Fred Nystrom. They are working on connections at the Warner end of Stevens Rail Trail and in Contoocook Village. They hope the OSC will be able to help with land acquisition when needed. Rob told them the Conservation Commission should be their contact for trails or improvements on town conservation land.
Approved allowing fliers promoting the Dog Park project to be posted on trailhead kiosks where there are doggy poop stations.
5. Lot line adjustment/ land gift: No news from the abutter involved.
6. Beyer Lot NH Audubon conservation easement: Everything is completed on our end. Rob Knight reported that Audubon plans to review the easement and then it will be ready.
7. Camp Barry: A camper has been selected and will attend the August 8 session. Committee voted to authorize Lee Wilder to expend up to \$400 to pay the camp fees. Lee may ask the family to pay some of the costs up front, to be reimbursed after the camper attends the camp.

7:44 – Ron Klemarczyk joined the meeting.

8. New cemetery lot: Lee Wilder reported no news
9. Timber harvests at Rollins and Gould: Ron Klemarczyk reported that the timber harvest at Gould Forest is complete and netted \$24,000. The Rollins lot harvest may start next week.
10. Hazard pines at Kimball Lake: Lee Wilder reported that Neal Cass has authorized up to \$1200 for Jeff Dearborn to remove them.
11. Brockway brochure: Lee Wilder has confirmed that NH Audubon made the suggested edits and the brochure is OK to print.
12. Culverts on Briar Hill and Rollins roads: Jed Merrow attended a meeting with the town's consultants working on the culvert replacement plan, and the planned culverts would accommodate aquatic organism passage, including fish. The consultants used the data prepared by HCC

NEW BUSINESS

1. HCC culvert data: The data has been sent to DES, Culvert Project, under the New Hampshire Geological Survey.
2. Monitoring Sheldon Lot: Rob Knight and Lee Wilder will monitor the conservation easement. Ron Klemarczyk offered to meet on site at 11:00 Saturday to locate the exclusion area pins. Lee will call the landowner to notify them of the planned visit.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Minutes submitted by Rob Knight, Secretary.

Next HCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 16 at 7 PM at the Kimball Lake Cabin.

Jonathan is the host.