

Hopkinton Conservation Commission  
November 14, 2017 Meeting  
Held at Kimball Lake Cabin

### **11/14/17 Minutes – DRAFT**

Present: Lee Wilder, Ron Klemarczyk, Jed Merrow, Rob Knight, Cleve Kapala, Doug Giles, Bob Lapree, Alternates: Melissa Jones, Jonathan Bradstreet, James Newsome  
Guests: Steve Crawford  
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 10/17/17 and 10/21/17: Approved.
3. Treasurer's report for October was approved as presented. Received a donation of \$225 from Boy Scouts which was money left over from the tower project at Brockway. Jed Merrow will investigate whether we reimbursed the parents of the conservation camper for the camp deposit they put down.
4. HCC annual budget: A budget of \$1,420 was presented to the Selectboard by Jed Merrow
5. Trail subcommittee update: Cleve Kapala reported that the trails have been cleaned up after the storm. Ron Klemarczyk and Bob LaPree attended a bridge building workshop in Bow.
6. Beaver dam on Cross Road; After discussion, agreed that the HCC vote on October 21 clearly expressed the feeling of the HCC.
7. Beyer Lot NH Audubon conservation easement: No news from NH Audubon as to when they will be ready to close on the conservation easement. Rob Knight will call Phil Brown at Audubon.
8. Sheldon Lot easement boundaries: Foreco has not yet been able to set the pins for the exclusion area.
9. Possible conservation easement: Rob Knight is continuing discussions with the landowner.
10. Bohanan kayak ramp: Bob Lapree is waiting for the water level in the river to go down before pulling the ramp.
11. New Cemetery lot: Lee Wilder reported the Cemetery Committee is interested and will discuss the purchase at their meeting 11/16.
12. Annual monitoring of four town held conservation easements: Lee Wilder will schedule the visits.
13. HCC web page: Bob Lapree is working with Neal Cass.
14. Master Plan map drafts: Lee Wilder and Ron Klemarczyk have not heard back from Karen Robertson.
15. Warner River drainage protection: Lee Wilder reported that he believes that the application for the river's designation has been accepted by DES.
16. Logging Contoocook River lot: Unclear how soon a possible land swap might take place.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Posting of No Hunting signs on HCC parcels: A neighbor to the preserves, Steve Crawford, reported that a group of hunters regularly hunt Carson and Brockway although that use is not permitted. Lee Wilder said five HCC properties are not open for hunting, including Carson

and Brockway. Agreed to post Carson and Brockway with No Hunting signs along road frontage and at access points. Lee will buy signs. Cleve Kapala has reclaimed sign backing. Steve Crawford is willing to help put up signs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Minutes submitted by Rob Knight, Secretary.

There will be no December meeting. Next HCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16 at 7 PM at Town Hall.

Rob is the host.