

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

**2/20/18 Minutes** – Approved 3/20/18

Present: Lee Wilder, Ron Klemarczyk, Jed Merrow, Rob Knight, Cleve Kapala.  
Alternates: Melissa Jones, Jonathan Bradstreet, James Newsome  
Guest: Lucia Kittredge, Chair, Trails Subcommittee  
Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Chairperson Lee Wilder

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. HCC Trails and Conservation Lands web page updating: Lucia Kittredge reported that she has been working with our volunteer webmaster, Kathy Barnes, on the website and a draft website is online for review. It uses a newer version of the website software and will be better for users accessing by cell phone. There is a new map of the town based on Google Maps with icons to identify conservation lands. Icons link to the appropriate descriptions. There is a list of all the properties which is sortable. HCC members should go to the draft website and send Melissa Jones any suggestions by our next meeting.
2. Mail and notices received by the HCC were circulated to the committee.
3. HCC minutes of 1/16/18: Both public and non-public minutes were approved as presented.
4. Treasurer's report: Accepted. Voucher to pay Heath Appraisal \$1,000 was signed.
5. Trail subcommittee update: Cleve Kapala reported that the trails are basically in good shape but will need some cleanup when the snow goes.
6. Beyer Lot NH Audubon conservation easement: Nothing new.
7. Sheldon Lot easement boundaries: Too snowy for Foreco to set the pins for the exclusion area.
8. Possible conservation easement: Rob Knight reported that it is progressing again.
9. New Cemetery lot: Lee Wilder explained the concept of dividing the lot and costs between the abutter, the Cemetery Committee and the HCC. HCC authorized Lee Wilder and Rob Knight to continue discussions with the interested parties. Any actual purchase offer will be discussed at the next HCC meeting.
10. Warner River drainage protection: Lee Wilder reported that SB445 will probably pass.
11. Logging Contoocook River lot: Ron Klemarczyk will plan a logging operation for the spring.
12. Posting Brockway/Carson properties: Have signs and backer boards ready to post when the snow is gone.
13. 4-H camper for Camp Barry: James Newsome reports a camper has been selected and space is reserved in an appropriate session. Cost is \$520.
14. NHACC and Five Rivers Capital Region Roundtable: Ron Klemarczyk, Jed Merrow and Rob Knight attended. ARMS grant money discussed. There is only \$40 available for our area. It is good to have an up-to-date Natural Resources Inventory for the town.
15. Stevens Rail Trail: Ron Klemarczyk reported that a gate will be installed by the Sunapee to Concord rail trail group, and a split rail fence will be installed by the HCC.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District: Will be presented for vote at the town meeting. The proposed business park may eventually involve a swap of 18 acres of state land near the Rte 202/127 junction at the Hopkinton-Henniker Town Line for 93 acres of town land (Contoocook River lot). Ron Klemarczyk wondered if this is a fair swap. Any swap would need to be approved at a town meeting.
2. Vehicle trespass at Kimball Lake: Ron Klemarczyk has been told that people are driving across abutting land to access the south side of Kimball Lake. Discussed moving large stones to block this access.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Minutes submitted by Rob Knight, Secretary.

Next HCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20 at 7 PM at Town Hall.

Cleve is the host.