

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

3/20/18 Minutes – Approved 4/17/18

Present: Lee Wilder, Ron Klemarczyk, Jed Merrow, Rob Knight, Cleve Kapala, Doug Giles
Alternates: Melissa Jones, Jonathan Bradstreet, James Newsome
Guest: Erick Leadbeater
Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Chairperson Lee Wilder

OLD BUSINESS

1. Proposed Hart's Corner TIF Land Swap: Agreed that the HCC has no objection to the proposed swap of some or all of the Contoocook River Forest (Lot #6) for some or all of Lots #7, 8, and 9 at Harts Corner, as negotiated by the Select Board, with the following suggested conditions:
 - Lot #9 at Hart's Corner should be retained under town ownership as protected open space.
 - On the Contoocook River Forest (Lot #6): Reserve a right to construct and maintain a hiking trail along the Contoocook River, to connect with City of Concord hiking trails and potential future trails on adjacent property/properties.
 - Retain use of any existing right of ways to Lot #6; and on Lot #6, along the old rail bed, for recreational purposes.
2. Mail and notices received by the HCC were circulated to the committee.
3. HCC minutes of 2/20/18: Accepted as presented.
4. Treasurer's report: Accepted.
5. Trail subcommittee update: Cleve Kapala reported that there are currently no reports of trees down on the trails.
6. HCC and Trails Subcommittee webpages update: Melissa has passed the comments she received on to Lucia Kittredge. Bob Lapree is proof reading the HCC page on the town website.
7. Beyer Lot NH Audubon conservation easement: Rob Knight reported that a draft conservation easement has been received by the OSC and is being reviewed.
8. Sheldon Lot easement boundaries: Too snowy for Foreco to set the pins for the exclusion area.
9. Possible conservation easement: Rob Knight reported that it is progressing again.
10. New Cemetery lot: Lee Wilder reported that the Cemetery Trustees are interested in acquiring additional land around the New Cemetery. Lee and Rob Knight will walk the land with the cemetery trustees as soon as weather permits.
11. Warner River drainage protection: Final hearing for SB445 will be held April 3 at 1:00. Lee encouraged HCC members who are available to attend.
12. Logging Contoocook River lot: Ron Klemarczyk will arrange for the logging as soon as the snow is gone.
13. Posting Brockway/Carson properties: Have signs and backer boards ready to post when the snow is gone.
14. Stevens Rail Trail: Ron Klemarczyk has nothing to report.

15. Vehicle trespass at Kimball Lake: It is too snowy to move large stones to block access.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Update Natural Resource Inventory: Jed Merrow will get samples of natural resource inventories from other towns.
2. Disabled Access at Kimball Lake: The Lions Club has submitted an application to DES for a ~12x20 platform for disabled access to Kimball Lake. It will be in front of the Boy Scout Cabin - #4.
3. Dufault Land: Lee Wilder received an inquiry from Dave Dufault as to whether the HCC is interested in purchasing any of his land, which he is putting on the market. Discussed Lot 46 which is 68 acres and would be desirable for conservation and trail purposes. Part of the lot has a boundary dispute with the neighboring Barnard land. The town counsel would not approve of acquisition of disputed land. Lee Wilder will inquire about the asking price.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Minutes submitted by Rob Knight, Secretary.

Next HCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17 at 7 PM at Town Hall.

Doug is the host.