

Hopkinton Conservation Commission  
February 15, 2022 Meeting  
Held at the Hopkinton Town Hall

**2/15/22 Minutes** – Accepted 3/15/22

Present: James Newsom, Rob Knight, Jonathan Bradstreet, Melissa Jones, Alternate: Molly Hardenbergh  
Absent: Ron Klemarczyk, Bob LaPree, Bonnie Christie; Alternates: Juliana Dapice, Stephanie Kratsios  
Visitor: Shannon Greenwood, landowner on Bound Tree Road

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by James Newsom.

1. Bound Tree Road Classification: Shannon Greenwood asked if the HCC had any objection to approximately 250' of Bound Tree Road being changed from Class VI to Class V. She and her partner hope to build a home on Bound Tree Road just before it crosses into Warner (Map 240 Lot 10), and they need their road access to be upgraded to Class V in order to build. The road used to be a Class V town road. Rob Knight made the following motion: The HCC has no objection to the proposed change of approximately 250' of Bound Tree Road from Class VI to Class V. Melissa Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Shannon Greenwood left the meeting.
2. HCC minutes were accepted as presented (1/18/22 public and non-public; 5/06/21; 4/27/21 non-public; 4/20/21).
3. HCC mail: The mail was circulated.
4. Treasurer's report: Melissa Jones reported that as of the end of January, the Conservation account has \$55,688, after receipt of \$6,670 in Change of Use Tax money, and the Town Forest account has \$26,599.
5. Milfoil grant: Ron Klemarczyk has gotten a bid of \$24,320 from Solitude Lake Management to treat Kimball Lake for invasive milfoil with an herbicide treatment in June and a post-treatment survey. The town can get a \$9,110 grant from DES, leaving a cost of \$15,210 for the HCC. The Rec Department is doing a similar treatment in Kimball Pond. The HCC would need to commit immediately since the grant deadline has been extended especially for the HCC.  
Concern was expressed at the cost compared to the HCC's financial resources, and fears that milfoil control would be an ongoing annual expense. Should this be paid for by a town meeting appropriation? Does the HCC even manage Kimball Lake?  
Melissa Jones moved that the HCC not commit to this expense at this time, and revisit this for the next DES grant round and for possible inclusion in the town meeting warrant next year. Molly Hardenbergh seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
6. Wetland zoning ordinance committee representative: The Planning Board has requested that the HCC send a representative to the committee developing wetland regulations. Ron Klemarczyk has volunteered, and it was felt that Ron is very well qualified to represent the HCC.
7. Natural Resource Inventory: Discussed preparing an RFP (request for proposal) to have a NRI done. We would have to prepare parameters outlining what the HCC wants. Discussed

the fact that we had seen a number of NRI's that did not seem attractive and were very expensive. However, the NRI done for Lancaster, NH was very readable and well-illustrated and the \$5,000 cost seemed affordable. Can the HCC ask the person who did the Lancaster NRI (Elise Lawson) to submit a proposal to the HCC? James Newsom will discuss with Neal Cass the process for contracting for an NRI and whether getting multiple bids is required, and report back at the next HCC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM. Next HCC meeting is scheduled for 7:00 on March 15, 2022 at the town hall.

Minutes submitted by Rob Knight, Secretary.