

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

3/15/22 Minutes – Accepted 4/26/22

Present: James Newsom, Ron Klemarczyk, Rob Knight, Jonathan Bradstreet, Melissa Jones,
Bonnie Christie Alternate: Molly Hardenbergh
Absent: Bob LaPree; Alternates: Stephanie Kratsios
Visitors: Katherine Mitchell, Scott Clay

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by James Newsom.

1. HCC minutes for February 15, 2022 were accepted as presented.
2. HCC mail: The mail was circulated.
3. Treasurer's report: Melissa Jones reported that as of the end of February, the Conservation account has \$59,939 after receipt of \$4,250 in Change of Use Tax money, and the Town Forest account has \$26,599.
4. Recap of town meeting results:
Article 9: Tyler Landing, Horne property, and the Cemetery property were all designated as Town Forests.
Article 10: The Select Board received permission to sell the lot donated by the Blackford family, with the proceeds going to the Conservation Fund. Rob Knight moved that the Chair be authorized to send a letter of thanks to the Blackfords. Ron Klemarczyk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Rob volunteered to draft the letter.
Article 12: The article to reclassify 150' of Bound Tree Road as Class V failed.
5. Tyler Landing improvements: Ron Klemarczyk will layout the hiking trail loop in the next couple of weeks. It will require an expensive 24' or longer bridge and another short bridge. The long bridge may provide access to a good boat launch location. Rob Knight suggested that planning also start for the access drive and parking area since these improvements will make work on the bridges easier. The Blackford gift was intended to pay for the Tyler Landing access and boat launch.
6. Election of officers: Bonnie Christy moved that the current slate of officers be reappointed. Jonathan Bradstreet seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
7. Natural Resource Inventory: Elise Lawson, the person who did the Lancaster NRI, gave an estimate of \$6 - 7,000 to do a similar NRI for Hopkinton. Field work would be done in the summer/fall of 2022 and the NRI would be completed in 2023. Melissa Jones made a motion to authorize up to \$7,000 to pay Elise Lawson to prepare an NRI for Hopkinton. Jonathan Bradstreet seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
8. Earth Day: Bonnie Christy proposed that the HCC join the Waste Reduction Committee and the Rotary in sponsoring a roadside cleanup for Earth Day. Roadside trash contributes to microplastic contamination in the environment. The HCC could do a display panel or agree to clean a section of road such as Penacook Road leading to the dump or the parking lot at Colonial Village. The suggestions were positively received and will be discussed more at the April 19 HCC meeting.

9. NHACC workshop on solar projects: James Newsom reminded the commission that the workshop is scheduled for March 16.
10. Solar project at Hopkinton's sandpit: Ron Klemarczyk said that HCC funds were originally used to help buy the sandpit, with the understanding that the pit would eventually become conservation property and that the wetlands on the site would be protected. James Newsom will remind the Select Board of the HCC's interest in the property.
11. Wetland impact notices: Bonnie Christy wished the HCC members saw the notices on a more timely basis, so the HCC had time to investigate and comment. James Newsom will check with the NHACC to see how other towns handle timely distribution of the notices.

James Newsom made a motion, seconded by Melissa Jones to adjourn to non-public meeting per RSA 91 A:3 II (d) Acquisition of real estate. Vote unanimous in favor. The Committee adjourned to non-public session at 7:54 PM. The Committee returned from non-public session at 8:07 PM. James Newsom made a motion, seconded by Melissa Jones to seal the minutes until the project is able to go public or removed from consideration. Vote unanimous in favor.

12. Milfoil in Kimball Lake: Cleanup cost needs to be budgeted by the town at the 2023 town meeting.
13. HCC members: Discussed finding a replacement for Juliana Dapice as an alternate member.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM. Next HCC meeting is scheduled for 7:00 on April 19, 2022 at the town hall.

Minutes submitted by Rob Knight, Secretary.