

Hopkinton Conservation Commission

April 20, 2021 Meeting

Held via ZOOM per the Governor's Emergency Order #12/Executive Order 2020-04

4/20/21 Minutes – Accepted 2/15/2022

Roll call taken. Present: Ron Klemarczyk, Rob Knight, Bob Lapree, Jonathan Bradstreet, Bonnie Christie, Molly Hardenbergh (Alt), Stephanie Kratsios (Alt). James Newsom joined the meeting later.

Guests: Daryl Peasley and Sherry Gould of the Abenaki Trails Project

Visitors: Dijit Taylor; Krista Helmboldt

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ron Klemarczyk and Ron read a statement regarding the Governor's Emergency Order #12/Executive Order 2020-04 and how the meeting would be conducted online.

1. Abenaki Trails Project: Sherry Gould and Darryl Peasley gave a presentation on the Abenaki Trails project. Discussed having a traditional native American style garden at Tyler Landing, and in the future an additional larger garden to grow produce for the food pantry. Daryl will come back with a proposal for the traditional garden. Bonnie Christie mentioned adding Abenaki names to some of the town conservation land.

At 7:30 the meeting ended abruptly due to a problem with the ZOOM platform.

The meeting was resumed on April 27. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by James Newsom and James explained the Governor's Emergency Order #12/Executive Order 2020-04 and how the meeting would be conducted online.

Roll call taken. Present: James Newsom, Rob Knight, Melissa Jones, Bob Lapree, Jonathan Bradstreet, Bonnie Christie, Molly Hardenbergh (Alt). At 7:22 Ron Klemarczyk joined the meeting.

2. HCC minutes for 2/16/21 public and non-public meetings and 3/16/21 meeting were approved. Rob Knight made a motion to unseal the following non-public minutes because the real estate transactions have been completed or are no longer under consideration: 6/12/18; 9/18/18; 8/27/19; 9/9/19; 9/24/19; 10/8/19; 11/19/19; 12/18/19; 10/27/20. Melissa Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
3. HCC mail: The mail was circulated by email.
4. Treasurer's report: Melissa Jones reported that the Conservation account has \$39,465 and the Town Forest account has \$10,050. The Conservation account received a \$13,808 change of use tax payment, and paid \$2,500 to Five Rivers.
5. Canoe launch ramp: The boat access at Tyler Landing can be via steps rather than the ramp from Bohanan Farm. Bob Lapree feels the ramp should be repurposed to provide access the mini-park he would like to develop on the Contoocook River below the dam.
6. Gould Lot Town Forest: The snowmobile club wants to put a bridge across Hardy Brook. Ron Klemarczyk is waiting for a formal proposal from the club, at which time he will draft a deed for the ROW.

7. Houston Field trail proposal: Ron Klemarczyk met with an Eagle Scout who would like to create a trail along the north edge of Houston Field along an existing berm. It would entail crossing two short wet sections. Wetlands permits may be required. The scout will contact the Rec Dept for permission.
8. Rail Trail off Kearsarge Ave: Ron Klemarczyk reported that Merrimack County Telephone is planning to donate the old railroad bed to the town, which will provide a link from Kearsarge Ave to Houston Field for the Concord to Lake Sunapee Rail Trail.
9. Tyler Landing: Discussed whether Tyler Landing would be a good location for an indigenous garden since the nearby refugee grown corn could cross with the Native American heritage seeds, and agreed that it might be a problem. Agreed to make a HCC site visit to Tyler Landing 5/6/21 at 5:00.
10. NRI and Master Plan update: Bonnie Christie reported that the NRI subcommittee has yet to meet.
11. Insurance requirement: James Newsom was informed by Neal Cass that there is no insurance requirement for the refugee farmers, but Bohanan Farm should add the town to the farm insurance policy. Bob Lapree will talk to Jamie Robertson about this.

Jonathan Bradstreet made a motion, seconded by Ron Klemarczyk 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 7:43 PM. The Committee returned from non-public session at 7:59 PM. Jonathan Bradstreet made a motion, seconded by Ron Klemarczyk to seal the minutes until the project is able to go public or removed from consideration. Vote unanimous in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM. Next HCC meeting is a site visit at Tyler Landing scheduled for 5:00 on May 6, 2021. Next regular meeting is scheduled for 7:00 on May 18, 2021. Minutes submitted by Rob Knight, Secretary.