

Hopkinton Conservation Commission
October 8, 2019 Meeting
Held at the Kimball Lake Cabins

10/08/19 Non-Public Session Minutes – Accepted 11/19/19

Present: James Newsom, Ron Klemarczyk, Rob Knight, Cleve Kapala, Melissa Jones and Bob Lapree

Alternatives present: none

Meeting went into non-public session by unanimous vote of the commission at 8:26 to discuss a possible real estate transaction.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Acquisition of a planned Chesley lot on the Contoocook River: Ron Klemarczyk reported that the Chesley's have agreed to sell to the town for the appraised value of \$120,000. The Chesley's will retain a narrow strip of land on one edge of the property to give their other lot waterfront access. The Chesley's would like the immigrants to continue to farm part of the land and the Bohanan's allowed to continue to use it. Agreed these uses are acceptable but should not be part of the deed. DES will have required language for the deed, allowing use as a public water source.

The lot would be bought as a town forest. Ron suggested that there be no Five Rivers conservation easement on the property and it be protected by a deed restriction. That would reduce the transaction costs. The DES grant of \$82,000 will be reduced by DES since the grant can only cover half the project costs. Estimated \$60,000 - 70,000 additional funding is needed. Discussed using HCC funds to complete the purchase, and agreed that would be feasible. When the amount of needed funding becomes clearer, the OSC will request those funds from the HCC.

At 8:45 the commission voted to return to public session.

Minutes submitted by Rob Knight, Secretary.