

Hopkinton Conservation Commission
December 18, 2019 Meeting
Held at the Hopkinton Library Community Room

12/18/19 Non-Public Session Minutes – Accepted 1/21/20

Present: James Newsom, Ron Klemarczyk, Rob Knight, Cleve Kapala, and Melissa Jones
Alternatives present: Jonathan Bradstreet

Meeting went into non-public session by unanimous vote of the commission at 7:59 to discuss a possible real estate transaction.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Acquisition of a planned Chesley lot on the Contoocook River: Rob Knight reviewed a letter he received from the Chesleys raising various concerns which they have. The Chesleys would like a 5 - 10 year lease for the immigrant farmers. Agreed to limit the lease to five years, with the possibility of extension subject to HCC review at that time. Agreed any lease should be between the HCC and the farmer, not with the Chesleys.
The Chesleys are concerned that a parking area near the boat launch would be unsightly and harm the agricultural value of the field. Ron Klemarczyk said that the soils in the field would be very poor for a road and suggested a pull-off along the road and parking at Bohanan Farm. Rob will tell the Chesleys that initially any parking would be along the road.
The Chesleys would like to time the sale of the lot with the sale of their house. Rob Knight will tell them that the closing date can be flexible but must be in 2020 due to the requirements of the funding grant.
The Chesleys would like to install a modest marker or monument recognizing the involvement of their children with the land. Agreed that would be acceptable in principle. A bench with a plaque, near the river and made of composite material, would be very welcome. Discussed calling the property "Tyler Landing".

At 8:25 the commission voted to return to public session.

Minutes submitted by Rob Knight, Secretary.