

Hopkinton Conservation Commission
September 21, 2021 Meeting
Held at the Hopkinton Town Hall

9/21/21 Minutes – DRAFT

Present: James Newsom, Ron Klemarczyk, Rob Knight, Bob Lapree, Jonathan Bradstreet, Bonnie Christie, Molly Hardenbergh (Alt)

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

1. HCC minutes for 8/18/21 meeting were reviewed. Bob Lapree made a motion to approve the minutes with the addition of name of the person who prepared the minutes (James Newsom). James Newsom seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with Rob Knight and Bonnie Christie abstaining since they were not at the meeting.
2. HCC mail: The mail was circulated.
3. Treasurer's report: James Newsom reported that the Conservation account has \$39,468 and the Town Forest account has \$10,051.
4. Easement monitoring: Rob Knight volunteered to do the 2021 monitoring for Brockway and Hawthorne (LCIP) and Moss. He and Jonathan Bradstreet will do Rose & Janeway (SPNHF).
5. Trail update: Bob Lapree reported that he and Jane Lapree had cleared the woods road at Bohanan Farm from Dustin Road to the pasture. Ron Klemarczyk reported that he has several Boy Scouts is working on trail projects: a kiosk for the Little Tooky trail; a trail along the edge of Houston Field; and replacing a rotten bridge at Hawthorne Forest.
6. Milfoil in Kimball Pond and Kimball Lake: Paula Simpkins has sent samples to DES to learn if it is invasive milfoil. Any infestations need to be mapped. Discussed how to get rid of an infestation, but any action needs to wait for identification by DES.
7. Timber sale at Foote Lot: Ron Klemarczyk reports the harvest has started.
8. Rollins lot mowing: Rob Knight observed that the lot is getting overgrown again, and if it is mowed regularly, it will be much less expensive than bringing in a Brontosaurus. Discussed best time of year to mow for brush control while minimizing impact on fauna. Rob moved that the HCC ask Ron Klemarczyk to investigate and arrange mowing the Rollins lot as soon as possible at a cost not to exceed \$3,000, using funds from the Town Forest account. Ron seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
9. Archeological dig: Bob Lapree has been asked by Daryl Peasley if it would be possible, as part of the Abenaki trail project, to do an archeological dig on a town property. The consensus was that the HCC would favorably consider such a request if it was done under the supervision of the state archeologist and was permitted by any relevant conservation easement. Rob Knight will check on the easement terms.
10. Natural Resource Inventory subcommittee: Bonnie Christie reported that it has been difficult for the members of the NRI to find time to meet and the committee has yet to meet. Bonnie requested that the HCC approve using \$8,000 from the Conservation account to do an NRI. After discussion it was agreed that it was premature to authorize the expenditure before we knew what we would be getting or how it would be used. The Planning board and the Zoning board would also use an NRI and might share in the cost. Bonnie was

requested to act as a committee of one to investigate and recommend NRI contractors, discuss parameters with contactors, and arrange a contractor presentation to the HCC.

Ron Klemarczyk made a motion, seconded by Bob Lapree, 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 8:06 PM. The Committee returned from non-public session at 8:15 PM. Ron Klemarczyk made a motion, seconded by Bob Lapree, to seal the minutes until the project is able to go public or removed from consideration. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM. Next HCC meeting is scheduled for 7:00 on October 19, 2021 at the town hall.

Minutes submitted by Rob Knight, Secretary.