

Hopkinton Open Space Committee

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Hopkinton Town Hall 7:30 p.m.

Minutes – Approved June 21, 2023

Administration

Present: Dijit Taylor, Lucia Kittredge, Ron Klemarczyk, Rob Knight, Bob LaPree, Sabrina Dunlap

Alternates: Erin Vanden Borre, Lori Sommer, Bill Dunlap

Old Business

February 15, 2023 public and non-public minutes were accepted.

OSC skill sets and succession planning: New committee members were welcomed. Dijit again reminded the committee that she would like to resign as chair.

Dave and Kathy Dustin, Lots 224-29 & 225-6 Conservation Easement (Five Rivers): Dijit reported that we were awarded the Drinking Water Trust Fund grant of \$175,250. Dijit reported that the paperwork for the additional DES grant of \$25,000 was submitted May 17 and was quite involved. LCHIP approved the project to apply for funding. The amount needed will be about \$115,000 - \$120,000. Dijit will prepare the full application. Lori offered to help and has mapping skills.

Discussed how much to apply for. A larger HCC contribution or a bargain sale could reduce the amount requested of LCHIP, perhaps improving our chances to get a grant. Discussed how much the HCC has available in the Conservation Account and whether use of the Blackford money for this conservation easement would be in line with the donor's expectations. Decided to ask LCHIP for the full amount needed after the DES grants and the HCC contribution of \$30,000.

Property of Interest list: Dijit distributed a reformatted list showing the properties that have been protected, the two properties were sold, and the remaining properties. Discussed updating the list with the properties discussed in January. Dijit will add them to the list. The list is confidential.

Closer links to the Planning Board: Several land use issues were discussed: proposed zoning changes that were presented at previous evenings Conservation Commission meeting, subdivisions of Brayshaw land and wetland permits for Morin land (abutting Swett)

New Business

Five River Conservation Trust Conservation Plan: Discussed OSC input to the planning process.

Discussed appropriate answers to the questionnaire that Five Rivers sent. Dijit will submit our response to the questionnaire. Dijit will attend the Five Rivers workshop June 5. Other members of the OSC are also invited to register for the workshop.

Housing Committee representation: Katherine Mitchell, a member of the HCC, is serving on the committee.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Erin, to adjourn to non-public meeting per RSA 91 A:3 ii (d) Acquisition of real estate. Vote was unanimous in favor. Committee adjourned to non-public session at 9:13 p.m. Committee returned from non-public session at 9:40 p.m. Ron made a motion, seconded by Erin, to seal the minutes until the projects discussed become public or are removed from consideration. Vote was unanimous in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rob Knight, Secretary

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 7:30 p.m.