

Hopkinton Open Space Committee

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Via Zoom 7:00 p.m.

Minutes - DRAFT

Administration

- Dijit read a statement regarding the Governor's Emergency Order #12/Executive Order 2020-04 and explained how the public could attend and participate in the meeting.
- Attendance Role call: Dijit Taylor, Lucia Kittredge, Rob Knight, Ron Klemarczyk, Sabrina Dunlap (joined meeting at 7:46), Bob Lapree, Alternate Erin Vanden Borre
- March 12, 2020 public and non-public minutes were accepted as corrected.

Old Business

- Beyer Conservation Easement – Rob reported that Neal Cass will record the deed. The baseline report still needs to be done, and NH Audubon has a volunteer to work on it.
- Chesley: Rob reported:
 1. Grant has been transferred to the town.
 2. Subdivision - Approved. The Chesleys needs to record it.
 3. Governor and Council approval to disburse the funds - Rob is working with Sandy Chrystal at DES to have DES submit the request to G&C.
 4. Still needed - Title examination and deed by Tim Britain. Management plan and baseline to be prepared by Ron and Rob. Rob will circulate the draft deed with the wording regarding the ROW to the neighboring parcel.
- Cameron Lot (New Cemetery): Rob reported the purchase closed and the town owns it. HCC put \$30,000 into the purchase and \$50,000 was provided by private donation.

Lucia made a motion, seconded by Ron, to adjourn to non-public meeting per RSA 91 A:3 ii (d) Acquisition of real estate. Vote unanimous in favor. Committee adjourned to non-public session at 7:30. Committee returned from non-public session at 8:11. Lucia made a motion, seconded by Ron, to seal the minutes until the projects discussed become public or are removed from consideration. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Updates

- Trails Committee:
 1. Lucia reported tremendous public use during the COVID closures.
 2. Ron reported replacing a plank on a boardwalk. He blazed the property line around the recently sold Ransmeier lot on Rte. 103. He will look at the wet spot on the trail at Hawthorne.
 3. Ron said the survey at the end of the rail trail did not determine ownership of a strip of land, and he will urge the Select Board to claim it as abandoned property. The strip of land can improve the alignment of the trail. The area has been clearcut.
 4. Bob Lapree and Cleve Kapala plan to install steps down to the river at Riverside Park. They also hope to install a picnic table on the town land behind the Covered Bridge Restaurant. It was suggested that the picnic table should be coordinated with Paula at the Recreation Dept.

Other

Town meeting is now scheduled for July 18. Bob brought up the warrant article to give the HCC Conservation Account 100% of the Land Use Change Tax. Sabrina will present it, and she asked for supporting information. She will check with Jim O'Brien. Lucia has the spreadsheet showing how we have used HCC funds and grants in the past and Dijit has information from the NHACC showing what percentage other towns give to their conservation commissions. The Select Board earlier voted 5 to 0 to support the article and if it is a small amount of money it may pass.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rob Knight, recorder

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 9, 2020 7:30, presumably by ZOOM.