

Hopkinton Conservation Commission Minutes March 14, 2019 7:00 p.m. Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm. Harvey Buford, John Pennypacker, Lydia Lanphear, Gary Marsh and Deb O'Leary in attendance. Guest: Peter Stetson of the Southern Rhode Island Conservation District.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved with a minor correction.

A.Featured discussion: GIS Trail Maps and Technology 101

Mr. Stetson joined in a question and answer, problem solving session with the commission members on the technical issues encountered in organizing our trail maps, signs and kiosks. We spoke about the problems we encountered in storing electronic maps files. We need to create a "catalog" of map files. We discussed having a workable, sustainable plans for Hopkinton Outdoors. We also discussed the pros and cons of different formats, software as well as an website.

There was a brief discussion of GIS and future trails. Perhaps, using the town ARC/GIS license for mapping purposes.

We have three immediate priorities:

1. Trail maps
2. Assets
3. Notice Boards

There is a newly acquired property, Crown Farm, which will need trail mapping, signs, kiosk and noticeboards.

B. Land and Water Summit: We had a very brief overview of the offerings from those in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10p.m.