

HOPKINTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 7 PM
Hopkinton Police Station

- I. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10. All members present: Harvey Buford, Chair; Gary Marsh, Vice Chair, Deb O’Leary, Secretary; John Pennypacker, and Lydia Lanphear. Town Council Liaison, Scott Bill Hirst also in attendance.
- II. Approval or correction of minutes and workshop notes: A motion was made, seconded and approved that the minutes of the June meeting be accepted.
- III. Featured items
- A. FY 2018-19 Budget Expenditures Summary The amount of \$1,006.64 was spent from this budget for materials for signs and kiosks for Hopkinton trails.
 - B. FY 2019-20 Budget and Expenditures A motion was made and seconded to allow \$200. for outreach to the community nature, hiking books for both Hopkinton Libraries and to provide printable trail maps.
 - C. Solar and Wind 1. A discussion was held regarding encouraging residential solar. There was also a discussion of having a solar renewable energy plan map. 2. We had a discussion of allowing a limited wind turbine project in a mfg zone with restrictions as we previously proposed for the Farm Viability ordinance/ wind ordinance. A vote was taken on whether we would be in favor of recommending a limited wind pilot project to the Town Council. The results were 4 in favor 1 against. We also discussed and agreed to asking the Town for an accounting of solar project inspections and who is in authority to monitor projects. An inquiry will be sent to the town council.
- IV. Officer Reports / Project Updates (5 minutes each, oldest first)
- A. Planning Board / Zoning Board Report (John) Church addition. Solar projects.
 - B. Legislation and meetings watch (Deb) Legislative Session ended.
- V. Old business
- A. Farm Viability Ordinance Draft Changes no new discussion

- B. Plan New Process to Produce Maps and Kiosks We are still working this out.
 - C. Hopkinton Outdoors – Develop a Schedule and Budget for Webpage The Webpage would cost slightly over \$100. per year.
- VI. Other
- VII. Public Forum No members of the public were present.
- VIII. Identify topics for next meeting: Solar project inspections, Wind Ordinance, Residential solar.
- IX. Review and assign action items John, provide printable trail maps to Lydia. TDeb for outreach project. Talk to town IT on page info for Hop outdoors. Solar inspection inquiry - Deb, Wind ordinance, pilot project, Harvey.
- XI. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Submitted by

Deborah O’Leary
Secretary