

HOPKINTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 7 PM

TOWN HALL

I. Call to order The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. Members present were Harvey Buford, Chairman, Deb O'Leary, John Pennypacker and Lydia Lanphear

II. Approval or correction of minutes and workshop notes A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the July meeting. All in favor.

III. Featured items

Planning Board Wind Recommendation 8-7-19 At the August 19th Town Council Meeting a Change to town ordinance and the comp plan to banned Wind Turbines in Hopkinton will be heard. Members are encouraged to listen to the planning board July meeting where the Planning Board made an advisory opinion to the Town Council 3-2 not to change Comp Plan.

Solar and Wind no new proposals. The Town Planner is in charge of solar project inspections. We discussed suggesting proactive measures, i.e. checklists and inspection schedules.

FY 2019-20 Budget and Expenditures: A motion was made and seconded to approve up to \$350.00 for Hopkinton Outdoors outreach and website.

IV. Officer Reports / Project Updates (5 minutes each, oldest first)

Planning Board / Zoning Board Report (John) Wind turbines were discussed at the last planning board meeting. (See Solar and Wind)

Legislation and meetings watch (Deb) nothing to report.

V. Old business

Farm Viability Ordinance Draft Changes

Plan New Process to Produce Maps and Kiosks We have approved funding for materials. Canonchet Preserves, Tippacansett Trails, Kenyon Crossroads, Grills and Pelloni preserves are on the list.

Hopkinton Outdoors – Develop a Schedule and Budget for Webpage We approved up to \$150. for the development and maintaining of a website. Outreach projects are funded up to \$200. for brochures, maps for the libraries, and possibly T-shirts or pins for supporters and volunteers. Possible coordination with Friends of the Land Trust.

VI. New Business

A. Another Eagle Scout Court of Honor- Next meeting.

VII. Other

VII.Public Forum No members of the public were present.

VIII.

IX.Review and assign action items John updates on HO website vs. Town Web page, Deb and Lydia Outreach.

XI.Adjournment Meeting was Adjourned at 9:20 p.m.