



**HOPKINTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 14, 2017 7:00 p.m.**  
**TOWN HALL**

- I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm. Members in attendance: Harvey Buford, Gary Marsh, John Pennypacker and Deborah O'Leary. David Husband, representing the Town Council.
- II. Approval of minutes/workshop notes: A motion was made by Gary Marsh and seconded by John Pennypacker to accept the minutes of The January 17th meeting as read.
- III. Officer reports/project updates
  - A. Budget status, (Harvey) The Town Council is proposing \$3500 level funding for the Fiscal Year 2107-18. We have a \$3,000 grant for signs and kiosks along Narragansett Trail that runs out May 17. That will be a priority but so far we have uncertain map designs for the kiosks pending RIDEM trail reviews. We have \$1,100 left in the old CIP fund. We may apply for another trail grant once we catch up existing ones. .
  - B. Loves truck stop decision. The Zoning Board rejected Love's proposal on all counts, all but one unanimously. Loves may appeal.
  - C. Exit 1 transit hub (John). There appears to be a September 2017 deadline for everything to be in place for funding of the Tiger grant. Discussion of wastewater and wetland issues. Mapping and trail development schedule (Deb and Harvey Connect trails i.e. Table Rock to Narragansett. Narragansett trail path through Reynolds farm property?
  - D. Hopkinton Outdoors web page and archive (John) Discussion of Map maintenance and inventory. Harvey asks for a standard method of naming files and discarding older versions.
  - E. Planning Board. (John) no meeting.
  - F. Legislation and meetings watch. (Deb) No new legislation introduced.
- IV. Featured items
  - a. Farm Viability workshop recap/ next steps (Gary)  
Some of the questions/topics: farm size, storage, signs/ordinance, farm stands/stores square footage, Wind and solar applications. Setbacks, farming vs.

manufacturing. Questions: on District use tables, zoning and planning. Next workshop on Feb 28th

V. New Business:

- a. Land and Water Summit at URI on March 11th. Deb is registering us again this year.
- b. Flexible membership proposal, resignation, membership. As it stands we can have 5 members. Marne has resigned. Mike McNamara is interested and there was another interested person from several months ago.
- c. Archaeology Day 2017 (tentative name), October 21st to be joint with HHA and tribes, etc.

VI No public forum

VII Topic for next meeting: Invite Zoning Board and ZEO.

VIII Action items assignments. Deb Reminders to Farm Viability Workshop participants. Harvey call Zoning chair. John letter to Governor re: Transit hub.

IX. Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

*Submitted by,*

*Deborah J. O'Leary*