

HOPKINTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting

Thursday, December 12, 2019 7 p.m.

TOWN HALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 pm. Present: Harvey Buford, Deborah O'Leary and John Pennypacker

The minutes of the November meeting were approved with one abstention.

Featured items.

Review of all farm viability ordinance recommendations: final corrections have been made. Copies to be sent to the Town Council show history of revisions.

Hopkinton Outdoors: John is compiling street addressed for Trail heads. Newest trail head is Crown Farm. A map of Blue Pond trails is needed. May be in the Garmin GPS. Work on web page continues.

IV. Officer reports - updates.

Planning Board: Board is reviewing the reforestation bond for Maxon Hill solar project. Deb to fill in for John at January meeting.

Legislation: The General Assembly reconvenes in January.

V. Old Business.

RIDEM Grant funds for Stream Habitat and Stormwater Projects. Keep checking for new meetings/hearings.

State changes to Wetlands Regulations. No new information at this time.

VI. New Business.

Consider Utilizing Town Engineer to determine town and state needs for electricity considering town solar projects. Harvey may ask Town Engineer for a report.

Discussion reforestation plan/Town Council Workshop. The Maxon Hill residents shared their concerns regarding how the Solar Project is being constructed.

VIII. Topics for January meeting. Election of Officers. Land and Water Summit , NOAA Grant Westerly.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.