

Hopkinton Conservation Commission  
Minutes  
Thursday, June 10, 2021  
Remote Meeting  
7:00 p.m.

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The meeting was called to order at 7:31

Members present: Harvey Buford, Chair, Deborah O'Leary and Lydia Lanphear. Quorum

Approval of May 13th minutes. A motion was made by Lydia Lanphear and seconded by Deborah O'Leary to approve the 5/13 minutes. All voted in favor.

Featured Items:

This item was removed by recommendation of the chair.

Farm viability ordinance: We have a draft of the ordinance and we have the addendum we provided to the Town Council on the language in the FVO solar ordinance.

Potter Hill Dam and Mill. The Town Council has appointed concerned Hopkinton citizens to an advisory committee. There are concerns regarding the removal of the dam and impact on water levels and individual wells along the river. There may be an opportunity to acquire an area off Laurel Street with a large frontage on the river.

IV. Officer Reports:

Planning Board- Deb. The Planning Board had been holding two meetings per month to keep up with the volume of proposals.

Stone Ridge and Commolli Solar hearings were held and continued. The Fairview Estates project was heard at the June 3rd meeting. The hearing is continued and it was recommended that regular and preventive maintenance of the drainage/stormwater system be provided.

Old Business:

Stone Ridge Solar Coon Hill Plat 11, Lot 47A The Planning Board had scheduled a site walk for members this week. Hearing continued.

Comolli Solar Plat 2, Lot 73. Planning Board hearing continued.

Budgets, trails mapping, grants: Signs and kiosks being prepared for trails at Depot Square, Grills Preserve Hopkinton, Crown Farm. Funding from DEM to Land Trust and Nature Conservancy have been awarded but funds not released yet.

VI. New Business:

Commission member forum:

Deb presented a synopsis of the duties of the Commission according

To our Member handbook and the duties assigned to the Commission by the Town of Hopkinton comprehensive plan. A copy will be sent to members.

Public Forum: Thank you to Joe Moreau for the information he shared regarding site walks and his comments on FVO.

Open meetings presentation. Deb will find a link to the presentation and share with HCC members.

VIII topics for next meeting: Review of duties of HCC, Addition to Wood River health Center and our general questions for Planning Board. Follow up on Potter Hill Dam.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29.