

Minutes of Meeting

Hopkinton Conservation Commission

June 13, 2019

7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30. Harvey Buford, John Pennypacker Lydia Lanphear and Deborah O'Leary in attendance. Scott Bill Hirst, town council liaison was also in attendance.

The Minutes of the March and April meetings were approved. The May minutes were tabled until our next meeting in July.

Budget and Expenditures: Our Commission will be level funded for fiscal 2019-2020.

Our balance until July 1 is \$1,418.83. A motion was made by Harvey and passed to utilize funds up to \$1,000.00 to purchase materials for trail signs, standard trail head kiosks, and history kiosks.

A motion was made by Lydia and approved that \$200. be allotted for outreach, nature kits for children to be placed in Ashaway Library and Landworthy Library.

Discussion was made about our future mapping and GIS needs. A suggestion was made about possible training in Arc GIS or to have a professional complete our mapping.

Hopkinton Outdoors: John made a motion to table the decision of a separate website for HOD, amounting to \$10.00 per month or \$120.00 per year to a future meeting.

Crown Farm is the newest Land Trust property which will require mapping, blazing and kiosks and signs. Depot Square Trail almost permitted. Kenyon Cross Road needs History Kiosks.

FY 2019-2020 budget is \$3,500.

Planning Board report: New: Woodville Rd. project for solar will request rezoning. Presentation by Eric Bibler.

Legislative: New Solar siting bills. Restrictions set in the House bill, the Senate bill has fewer. Grown Smart and Save the Bay both oppose.

Solar and Wind: Discussion of whether or not we have the manpower in town to monitor and inspect all these solar projects at every phase of development. Can we be sure they are adhering to the approved sight plans made by the Town Council and Planning Board. Who has the authority to stop a project if it is non-compliant?

Topics for next meeting: ARC GIS Training, Hopkinton Outdoors Website, Inspections of projects for compliance.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.