

Hopkinton Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting

January 11, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Town Hall

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm Quorum present

Minutes of the December meeting were approved with one abstention.

Featured items

Preparation for Wind Energy Ordinance Workshop 1-22-18

John will prepare a powerpoint to include bullet points and photos covering siting and appearance of turbines. Talk about visual since you can't hide them. Wind energy as eco development. Comparison of land use and energy generation: solar vs. wind. The off shore wind farm. Discuss other benefits/ concerns i.e. financial, energy savings to the town, access to power during times of storm damage.

Ask the Town Council to allow wind turbines in town by ordinance.

Using our draft ordinance as a base.

IV. Officer Reports and Project Updates

Planning/Zoning Board (John) Planning board considering the gravel bank solar project. And updates to the Comprehensive Plan.

Legislation and meetings watch (Deb) Nothing new to report, legislative session just began.

V. Old business

Hopkinton Outdoors. Possibly develop a separate website with links to other hiking and outdoor sites. Set up a Facebook Page, Twitter feed, Stickers, I Hike Hopkinton, mailings, flyers to distribute.

**.. B. Wellhead Projection and 25 user Threshold. Harvey spoke with Sherry and is meeting with Lorraine and Nancy regarding this issue.
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VI Trail Grant Implementation: Using Grant money for Kiosks at Pelloni Trailhead, North Road TNC sign and kiosk. Rick Prescott of HHA could use a hillshade map for his Canonchet area Powerpoint.

VII. No public forum

VIII. Topics for next meeting: 25 user well threshold, Land and Water Summit, March 10th @ URI

IX. John: presentation for Wind workshop. Harvey: mtg with zoning. Deb: submit Land and Water Summit applications.

X. Meeting was adjourned at 9:06

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah O'Leary

HCC/Secretary