

# **HOPKINTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018 7:00 p.m.**

### **TOWN HALL**

**I. Call to Order at 7:00pm. Present Harvey Buford, John Pennypacker, Lyndia Lanphear, Deborah O'Leary**

**II. Minutes were approved with a minor correction. "One 1.5 mw wind turbine produces the electricity."**

### **III Feature items**

**Wind Energy Ordinance Wind conversion draft ordinance discussion and reponse. Ask the Town Council to approve inviting the Planning Board to the discussion.**

**Farm Viability Ordinance If the Town Council approves the remaining recommended changes to the FVO Pelloni farm store could expand. Two acre crop farm and other changes.**

**Solar project currently in front of planning board.**

**Main Street Solar Needs change of zoning by TC**

**Palmer Circle 5 acres of solar.**

**15 James Road (survey required)**

**Plat 11 Lot 7 Kenyon Main Street solar- pre development**

**Main Street - Hawkins zoned commercial**

## **IV Officer Reports**

**Planning Board Liason (John) see C above.**

**Legislation (Deb) Nothing being considered at this time**

**Open Meetings. (Deb) 48 hours posted notice prior to public meeting, minutes must be posted with SOS within 35 days post meeting.**

## **V. Old Business**

**A.Hopkinton Outdoors: John presented Hopkinton Outdoors brief with overview of goals for our website, and our organizational goals to promote eco tourism in Hopkinton position Hopkinton as a leader and destination in outdoor recreation and encourages visitors to the town. Lydia suggested a Community Garden.**

**B. Wellhead threshold -tabled**

## **VI. Other**

**Trail Grant Implementation Mapping grant of \$3,000. Documents due May 15th.**

**Also kiosks for trail heads being planned. Friends of the Land Trust to install signs and kiosks. Granted to use our unused funds to cover some of the costs.**

**B. Land and Water Conservation Summit. All HCC members scheduled to attend, Saturday, March 10, 2018 @ URI.**

**VIII topics for next meeting: solar, wind, community involvement activities (i.e. garden)**

**IX action items - Harvey to research and verify wind production vs solar production equivalences.**

**X Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.**