

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.