

Notice of Regular Meeting of the Hogback Preservation Commission
5 p.m. Monday, May 10, 2021
Zoom Call Meeting Online

Minutes

Call to Order – 5:05pm

Attendees: Mike Purcell, Ed Metcalfe, Sarah Grant, Christine Colella, Jack Widness, Nancy Anderson, and Diana Todd

Review of Agenda – agenda was provided to the Commission via email. Reviewed and followed.

Approval of regular meeting minutes of the 3/15/21 meeting - unanimous

Chair's Report –

State Park looking for map and access for National Grid. Inquiry re: road maintenance and plans for repair of damage to work road. Will keep us posted about progress
Land trust discussion about the work road.

- Number of areas of erosion that is a concern.
- VLT (Vermont Land Trust) review of roads last month – must document that easement has not been violated. Every 3-4 years, walks the terrain to be sure agreement is being followed.
 - Will comment on the condition of the road that bears attention.
- See if Nat'l Grid can then repair the work road
- Make sure VLT connects with HPC – re: contact information

HMCA Report – see HMCA interim report from Jack Widness –no other programs are being offered at this time due to Covid.

- Bird banding - in progress
- Marlboro School program – suspended due to Covid

SVNHM Report

- Ready to hire another employee re: outreach to community (mid-June)
 - Grant from Thompson Trust
- Some new developments on the future of the Museum and new location
- Volunteers going to review the eagle's nests

Old Business

- Is there a purpose of 2 organizations? –
 - HPC – town body to meet open meeting laws
 - Good to have body representing the town
 - Decision to move to HMCA – will operate as a non-profit
 - Having one organization can streamline operations and recommendations
 - Town will need to approve this change
 - Need to articulate the outcome of a merger of the organizations

New Business

- Endowment – decision to return to HMCA
 - Trustees for public funds: Were given history of land from HMCA
 - Main aim for HMCA – endowment fund is invested prudently and carefully.
 - HMCA reviewing the information to ensure funds and land protected properly.
 - Presently working on gathering this information
 - HPC will inquire with town regarding the status of the endowment as soon as they receive some documentation from the HMCA

Adjournment: 6:07pm

Next meeting: July 12, 2021