

Hop River Management Committee
Minutes 4/16/24

The Meeting was called to order at 5:30

Attendance: Ann Dunnack, Tom McGrath, Guy Wangenar, Joan Hill

March minutes approved unanimously

Old Business:

Naumec Parcel: Town manager communicated that Mr. Naumec had received payment two years ago for the portion of his lot that taken for use in bridge replacement project.

Bridge Project: Work commenced on April 1, and will continue through the end of November. The original offer of stone from the retaining wall along the Hop River was withdrawn because it has not been designated as "salvage" at the outset of the project planning.

Designation of the parcel as State Historic Site is stalled in the SHPO office of Cathy Labadia who promised April 15 to complete her share of evaluation this week.

Site Work Progress: Joan & the Wanegars have staked out portions of the grid that will be necessary to begin archaeological work in the near future. The State Office of Archaeology staff will be doing GPS location work in the coming week.

New Business:

Archaeology Work Plan:

The Committee reviewed the work plan proposal developed by Joan. She reported that it covered all the bases required by SHPO for archaeological site work.

The Committee discussed the need for the Town to formalize its verbal agreement to limit metal detecting on Town property to those who had been given a permit approved by an archaeologist. The Town needs to develop such a permit as soon as possible. Ann will follow up on this with town staff.

Dr. David Leslie to speak at the Columbia Historical Society annual meeting on April 26th at 6PM in Yeoman's Hall. He will review his work done at Hop River, plus cover the application of GPR to surveys of graveyards.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM

Respectfully submitted by Acting Secretary Joan Hill