



Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes May 9, 2017

Attendees: Scott Pim, Todd Hathaway, John Bennett, Sarah Brennan, Sandy Goodspeed, Liz Wilson

Absent: None

Guest: Duane Hyde, SELT, Emma Tutein, UNH Co-Op Extension

Meeting Called to Order: 7:01 p.m.

Overview of SELT Work in Epping

Duane Hyde presented an overview of the recent work by SELT in Epping. Projects included completion of the Harvey's Kennard Forest, completion of the Mast Road trail system kiosk and trail map and completion of Burley Farm acquisition. SELT's plans include moving their headquarters from Exeter to Burley Farm. Duane also presented mapping of future focus areas in Epping and surrounding communities for the future. While SELT has been active in the area recently, there remain additional opportunities for important conservation projects in the future and SELT's efforts are greatly enhanced by any partnership that is possible with the Conservation Commission and/or Town.

Approval of Minutes

Liz moved to approve the minutes from April 11, 2017 and Todd seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Trail Finder Update

Sarah confirmed that additional trails have been uploaded to Trail Finder, with others also in the works, including the mapping done by Todd at Folsom and George Falls Woods. Todd and Sarah will coordinate with Jenn Rowden of RCPC to make sure that the mapping data is included for the NRI.

Website Update

Sandy indicated that she has provided additional information for the web-site regarding the NRI, the recent Town clean-up and "fun facts" from the NRI. Liz confirmed that she is finalizing the rules for the photo contest, which can also be provided for the web-site.

Memorial Day Booth

Members discussed the possibility of having a table or booth available for the Memorial Day parade. Liz, Todd and Sandy will look at the logistics. Ideas included having maps available for people to look at, brochures and information about the photo contest.



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NRI Update

Todd and Sandy indicated that Jenn Rowden is just about done with her work. A group photo was taken before the meeting, which will be provided to Jenn. Members will need to review the draft document for finalizing later this month. Todd will put together a draft letter on behalf of the group to serve as an introduction to the NRI.

Forestry Committee

Jerry Langdon has informed Sandy that he would like to step down as Chairman of the Forestry Sub-Committee. Sandy has met with Jerry to get an overview of the Committee's work, Town Forestry properties and plans for the future. She will continue to work with Jerry to develop a plan moving forward.

New Business/Projects

Members again discussed possible community outreach/involvement programs about the Town properties and soliciting volunteers for projects such as monitoring and trail stewardship. In addition to working with local schools, one idea was to post a kids' event/bike race on a property like Fulsom. Todd is working on investigating the logistics of such an event.

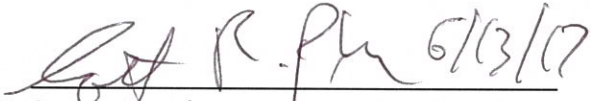
Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Todd Hathaway

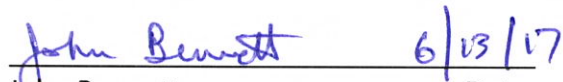


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Minutes Approved:


 6/13/17
Scott Pim, Chair Date

Todd Hathaway Date

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Sarah Brennan Date

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Sandy Goodspeed Date

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Liz Wilson Date