



Meeting Minutes September 10 , 2019

Present: Todd Hathaway, Dan McCombs, Sandy Goodspeed, John Gabour, Ben Bade, Liz Wilson

Absent: Scott Pim

Call to Order: 7:03 p.m.

Minutes from August 13, 2019

The Members unanimously approved the Minutes from August 13th.

Financial Report

\$56,048.53 in all accounts.

Hall Easement, Low Park and Miriam Jackson Signage

The sign contractor has received the check and is moving forward with finalizing the signage for Low Park and Miriam Jackson Park, probably within the next few weeks. We will coordinate a date to look at possible locations. Dennis from the DPW has some ideas about the best location for the Low Park sign (which is 51 Mast Road). For the Hall Easement tree signs, Todd circulated a proposed mock-up plastic sign, but it was more expensive than anticipated. Todd and Ben will work on obtaining revised prices or other quotes. The expectation is that we would need 50-100 signs.

Low Park Trail Work and Mast Road Clean Up

John, Liz and others cleared trash and rubble from the Mast Road property and will move forward with trail work. Joel Harris will also work on that trail. More signage is needed to direct walkers across the rail trail to the Low Park entrance. Todd will contact the Folsom sign designer about similar signage for the trail. The Members unanimously approved up to \$500 toward DPW placement of gravel to cover some remaining demolition debris near the concrete pad. The Members also approved up to \$500 toward a picnic table. Todd will be in charge of obtaining a large picnic table from a local vendor to be delivered in the spring. Sandy will continue to work with DPW on potential property maintenance starting in the spring.

Miriam Jackson Park Trees

Lorax Landscaping has agreed to assist in planting dogwood trees, sometime this fall. Sandy will continue to work with Lorax and will investigate the purpose of the podium/lectern.



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Bear Program

Liz is working with SELT and Fish & Game to obtain resources and background information to start a program.

School Update

Liz reported that there have been some position changes at the school with new personnel involved. Once they get settled, Liz will circle back with them about the scavenger hunt.

Photo Contest

Dan reported that there were over 60 votes and a clear winner (Deer on the Rail Trail). Dan will work to get the photo framed and presented. The Members unanimously approved up to \$50 towards printing and framing the winning photo. Dan will also invite the winner to our October meeting so she/he can be honored and see the framed photo.

Web Update

Dan will update the site to include the results of the photo contest. The Town's website still needs to be updated regarding the Commission Members. There are also duplicate Member pages on our website which Dan will consolidate. Dan, John and Ben are working on getting Ben access to the Google Drive account.

Tilton Canoe Launch

Sandy also met with three representatives from AMC, NHF&G/Rivers Management Advisory Council, and National Park Service River Manager/Wild and Scenic Rivers Program and the consensus is the best plan is to maintain the alternative launch site people are already using just downstream of the original launch. This newer site is in a more protected location and looks to working very well. Additionally, these experts have concerns about construction liability issues and the Conservation Commission is concerned about significant work/expense required to restore the original launch site does not appear justifiable with the new site already being successfully used. There was a suggestion to plant shade trees in the area to provide shade and also stabilize slope. Liz will look into potential native trees and work with Lorax regarding suggested locations. Joel completed his bridge work for the trail.

A new canoe launch sign has been placed, but may need to be moved to the launch site that is actually being used. Sandy will discuss options with LRAC and Kevin Martin.



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Tilton Sign and Trail Grant

ECC paid LRAC for half of the kiosk sign (\$656.62) in accordance with the grant Memorandum of Agreement. Sandy is writing the final report which she circulated to the Members for comment.

Fox Run

There was a report of trash on the trail and painting rocks at the geo cache sites. Ben will remove the paint from the rocks and Liz will take some pictures as an example to post on social media.

Joel Harris Recognition

Sandy raised the possibility of recognizing Joel's incredible contributions in 2018/2019. The Members agreed to honor Joel with a plaque thanking him for his service. The Members agree to approve up to \$50.00 toward the plaque. Ben will coordinate; possible date for this is the October 8 meeting.

Adjourned: 7:57 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 8, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Hathaway, Secretary

