



**Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2020**

Present: Liz Wilson, Dan McCombs, Scott Pim, Ben Bade, Sandy Goodspeed

Guests Present: Joseph Trombley, Barbara Willis

Absent: Todd Hathaway

Call to Order: 7:05 p.m.

TECH UPDATE

- Dan posted minutes from Public Hearing on October 22.
- He also posted a Photo Contest placeholder waiting for us to decide what we want to do next year.

OUTREACH

- Intern Project – Liz will forward intern information on the weir project to Scott.
- School update – Liz will reach out to the science teacher after the new year. It will be April before they are ready to collaborate on CC projects. Third grade trout release is usually in May or June. Move this item to January items on the agenda.

SIGNS

- Ben has the trash signs and is willing to hang them. Ben will keep the remaining 5 signs. These parks should have at least one trash sign:
 - 1 - Low Park should definitely have one near the picnic table.
 - 2 - Fox Run should definitely have one by the kiosk and one should go on the post by the other entrance. Litter was a big problem last year.
 - 1 - Folsom should have one by the river; a lot of activity, but not much trash.
 - 1 - Hoar Pond should have one right by the entrance.
- Hall Easement trespassing signs
 - Ben and Dan installed most of the signs already, approximately 25 still remain. We should place at least one sign behind each abutting house.
 - Dan commented the signs may not be bright enough. Should we make them brighter? Having them not terribly unattractive is ok. Let's keep the left-over signs for replacing installed signs when necessary.
 - Ben will keep these remaining signs; a good time to check on these signs would be when John Clark monitors the property each December. Ben walked with John last year and will contact him this year; Sandy will send contact information. Scott would also like to go.

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- Park signs – Tabled
 - Hoar Pond
 - Mary Blair Park historic trail signs
 - Low Park
 - Fox Run – Ben will remove, renovate and reinstall it as his schedule allows.
- Miriam Jackson Historic sign – Sandy
 - Sandy will send out the proposed sign wording.
 - Sandy talked with Patty Laughlin who suggested she talk with Stacey Smith at Jackson, Jackson and Wagner. Stacey sent a wonderful picture of Miriam Jackson that will probably work well for the sign. We may need to expand the size of the sign.

TRAILS

- Low Park – Todd
 - Todd has the picnic table; he asked if he should go ahead and put it out there. We decided to wait for spring, if Todd agrees that's ok. Tabled – Todd's call.
 - Work Day – Todd suggested leaf blowing would be necessary.
 - Sandy received email from Kelsey Thorpe, copied Todd and suggested she and her sons could help build the trail at Low Park.
- Folsom – Todd has been doing some leaf blowing.
- Mary Blair Park by the river – Scott
 - The southern property line starts where cars are parked on Lamprey Lane and runs southwest to a gray container (which is over the line about a foot) at the north end of a parking lot and then runs east to the river. Right at our property line there, someone has cut down a lot of trees and made a lot of mountain biking trails. Greg said the state has been notified. Based on Scott's compass readings, this activity is not on our property.
 - Scott recommends we get a survey done soon so the property line is clearly marked to protect the land and river in the future. The existing survey has the topographical lines necessary to determine how much ground needs to be moved for the parking area. He will ask surveyor to provide another copy of the survey.
 - Scott put an Epping marker on a steel post by the parking area on Lamprey Lane. He placed the next two posts at the edge of the paved parking area and placed three more signs on post on the line toward the river.

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- Cars just north of the upper ball field are parked on top of tree roots. Scott recommends enlarging the Lamprey Lane parking, move it all onto our land, and eliminate parking on the north side by the river. Liz suggested counting the number of lost north spaces and add that many to the proposed lot to keep down the number of trees that must be cut.
- Scott also suggested adding a gate at the entrance to the Park near the river access to decrease the amount of traffic. The gate would be opened only on game days.
- Western property boundary is Lamprey Lane all the way to the river.
- Next step is to talk with Nicole to see what Rec and EYAA think about this plan. Talk with DPW to see if the town can handle the parking area. We need to figure out how much it would cost before pursuing the conversations with other departments.
- Sandy will let Greg know about the plan and the activity is not affecting our property. Please let us know what the state discovers about the activity.
- Sandy moved that Scott is authorized to sign the request for the survey to be done according to the \$1,200 estimate. Dan seconded. Unanimous by roll call.

BRIDGES

- Fox Run – Sandy
 - Sandy moved that we authorize Preston Samuel to repair it for not more than \$375. Scott seconded. Unanimous approval by roll call. Sandy to request his reimbursement from Town.
 - Preston mentioned that there are differences in where the property line is. Scott said the family of the previous owner set the unusual markings incorrectly. The correct boundary are stone walls and barbed wire fence.
 - Scott requests he not paint the steel posts again.
 - Scott said the correct boundary markers are clearly marked on the survey. Sandy will let him know about that.

MONITORING

- Fox Run – Sandy
 - Preston walked the boundary on Nov 6, Sandy and Preston walked the trail on Nov 9. Scott removed all the paint; no more visible images.

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- We will not reblaze the trail; they don't look good. It's a well-established trail. Very difficult to see the trail underneath the leaves.
- Two trees over the path need a chain saw, one of them looks to be dangerous. Sandy talked with Joel Harris who will go out and take a look at it.
- Liz said some towns ask volunteers to sign a liability waiver form.
- Sandy will talk with SELT/Greg about this.

ADMIN

- Minutes – October 13, 2020 – no comments
- 2021 Proposed Budget – Dan
 - Proposed budget presented; upcoming payments will be made from the Town account first and then from Escrow.
 - Greg said we can use the Town funds for anything we want, probably not for land investment.
 - Photo Contest rules include statement saying entrants agree that their photo could be used as a cover for the Town Report.
 - Joe proposed increasing the Town funding and asked us to decide on the amount of increase to request. Big considerations are our average annual expenses and a plan for how this funding will be spent in the future. Based on our 2021 projected budget of one small sign, one big sign, and one bridge per year = \$4,000 + \$2,000 already granted for miscellaneous expenses, we agreed \$6,000 is a good number.
 - Sandy will send proposed budget whatever historical information we can find to Greg and copy Lisa, Joe and Joyce. Sooner rather than later would be good.
- Approve NHACC dues \$375 – unanimous approval
- Warrant article proposed language regarding spending funds with no property interest – unanimous approval. Sandy will send it to Greg.
- Warrant Article language for making a Class A trail – already sent to Greg who has submitted it to the attorney for review. Scott will call the only abutter who is land-locked by this proposal. When this was presented several years ago (2007?), only one land owner objected because they have hopes of further development.
- [UNH Wildlife Corridors Workshop](#), Tuesday, Nov 17, 5:00-6:15 – Sandy
 - Attendees?

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- Clarke Farm – Sandy talked with Jeremy and got on the agenda for meeting Monday, Nov 16. *(This changed after the meeting was over.)*
- Joe requested we change our regular meeting slot because he has missed so many due to holidays and elections. A schedule that doesn't change is preferred. Tabled for next month, possibly change the schedule around in January when we know the holiday and election dates.

JANUARY ITEMS

- Photo Contest - Dan
- George Falls Woods - trail work & park sign
- Dimond Hill – more signs to be installed - Ben
- Fox Run – Mounting alphabet trail signs; school outreach? Liz

LATER ITEMS

- George Falls Woods – trail work & park sign

ADJOURN:

NEXT MEETING: December 8, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandy Goodspeed
November 15, 2020*