

8/22/22

Attendance: Charlie Gale, Bob Lamaoureux, Mary Hathaway, Paul Gagnon, Ray Brunelle, Chris Gallager, Linda Irish-Simpson, Tim Kennedy, Deb Waters, Stefenie Cote, Nick Spanos Gayle Ploufe, Jason Croteau

Meeting called to order 7:00PM

Open Forum: None

Charlie: Will we pay for and put up a conservation sign on Turtle Crossing Rd. This would be at the East end of the mowed field off Sherburne Rd. Signs would cost aprox \$100.00. We will try putting up small conservation signs first.

Target practice at Cutler/Spaulding Jason will continue to follow up with this. We may have to go to the voters as a warrant article. There is currently no ordinance for target practice so the Police department cannot enforce this. The verbage for the sign needs to be decided.

Kirby Town Forest: Parking lot needs to be fixed. Suggestion made to put down gravel and fabric. Paul made a motion to put down gravel and fabric. The estimated price is \$1250.00 Charlied 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

Chris: Merriam Farm Posts, 2 of 4 are done at the Moonshadow water area. Linda, Chris did last two posts. Markers are done on all posts.

Benches: All material was purchased for \$100.00

Open House for Merriam will be October 16. 1:00-3:30. This will be announced on FaceBook and in the Evergreen Newspaper. Refreshments will be served. Police will provide free detail, boy scouts will do refreshments and help with cleanup. There will be guest speakers including members of the Merriam family. Members of the committee have volunteered to lead walks for anyone interested. NRPC did a basic trail map. Chris will do a rough one for now.

The sign is still covered but will be unveiled on October 16.

Paul: Email about roundabout off Sherburne/Mammoth treatment of swell area before Merriam parking lot, parking lot will not be affected. Christmas trees look nice coming in there

Linda:Map changes to Cutler Spaulding work to be done on this map including gates, lines to show trails vs rds, fix colors of trails. Paul and Linda will follow up after the meeting to discuss this map.

PVMP Green trail is overgrown and trails are not being used. These trails are also not advertised because they are part of PVMP. Bob and Linda will touch base. It is possible the Snowmobile club can help with this in the fall.

Hike Challenge: 17 people have completed, no summer challengers.

Linda will be putting information into the Evergreen newspaper each month in regards to town trails. September will include information on the hike challenge. Suggestions were made to do an article on a different park/trail each month and include pictures of work that has been done on trails.

Deb: Costa, age friendly trails....Sue and Doreen for the Hobbs Community Center liked the trails. The goal is to have 5 Age Friendly trails in town. Benches are needed for resting, sign on Frontier for parking lot, sign for Costa Conservation area, adjusted bridges, signs with arrows directing the way back to the parking lot

Consider doing drainage areas yearly. 2 box culverts, one is broken, not aligned, not functional. Using screws and 2x4s new design can be done. Paul made a motion to spend up to Max \$500.00 on Costa Charlie 2nd all were in favor. Work will begin in the fall.

A copy of all Deeds should be put in with plans. Erik should have a copy of Deeds in his write ups. This way future committee members will know specifics for what the land is to be used for. What is currently missing is that the land came from the Conservation Commission.

Paul made motion to amend Woven Deed Charlie 2nd, all in favor. Paul made a motion to amend the Merriam Farm management plan Charlie 2nd. Bob abstained from voting. Paul will follow up with this. Please add to agenda for September.

Discussion on what happened to having a community garden. The committee all seemed to be in agreement to work something out. Al did not come back to the next meeting.

Tim: Bridge updates: Gumpus bridge was raised. Much work being done on trails, weed wacking done on Long trail. Suggestion was made to do weed wacking 2x a year in order to keep the job smaller and quicker. We need volunteers for this.

Paul: Invasive plant control. Erik can do a controlled spray at Gumpus and Blueberry Circle. No agreement was reached on this. Committee members are encouraged to do some research and decide how they feel about spraying. We will revisit in September.

Mowing: Wolven, Merriam and Gumpus next year, Merriam Farm 1/3 each year, cutter and PVMP field this year including original entrance off of Sherburne Rd

Bob made a Motion to authorize Erik to do this mowing at a cost of \$2000.00, Charlie 2nd, all were in favor.

Paul owed \$67.00 to refund for bridge wood. Bob made a motion to pay Paul, Charlie 2nd all were in favor.

Bob: OHRV Committee update, Forestry vs conservation trails: different parcels, trails controlled by different groups. Bob will follow up with this. We must follow state laws when it comes to this.

Master Plan: Updating all trails, wildlife corridor, Many members agreed that there should be an overlay map. Bob will follow up on this.

Motion to adjourn by Bob, Paul 2nd

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05 PM

\*\*July minutes were not approved, this will need to be done at the September meeting.\*\*