

Minutes October 27, 2021, 7:00 pm Town Hall Upstairs

Public Zoom optional

PRESENT Liz Wilson, Ben Bade, Scott Pim, Todd Hathaway, Sandy Goodspeed, Dan

McCombs

ABSENT Barbara Willis

GUESTS Joseph Trombley, Kyla and Mike Simpson, Jeff Leombruno

ORDER 7:02 PM

VOLUNTEERS

<u>Potential Trails – The Simpsons</u>: Kyla and her husband Mike are interested in helping out with trails and/or monitoring. Scott described potential monitoring opportunities. Todd and Ben described trail work opportunities. They agreed to become Trail Stewards for Low Park. Thanks Kyla and Mike!

<u>Potential New Commissioner – Jeff Leombruno</u>: Todd has to step down as a Member, but is interested in remaining involved in Trails Committee. Before stepping down, he sought out a replacement and asked Jeff who has a long-term interest in Town activities, volunteering, and the outdoors. Jeff is a former Budget Committee and EYAA member and is interested in helping in any way he can. Scott explained the job responsibilities. Jeff remains interested. Todd moved and Sandy seconded recommending Jeff as a Commissioner and all approved. Todd will submit his resignation, and Jeff his letter of intent.

PROPERTIES

<u>George Falls Woods</u>: Sandy got a quote for adding crushed rock to the parking area for \$6000. The Members expressed reservations about the cost, and timing since the trail is not yet finished. They agreed to revisit in 2022. Todd will attempt to identify a contact



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from the Snowmobile Club about sharing costs. The Members also agreed to table a potential sign for the same reasons.

<u>Fox Run</u>: Sandy indicated that the picnic table is awesome. The Members did not feel that the benches (which we do not believe come with the table) needed to be chained. Sandy monitored the property with Preston Samuel and SELT. Everything looked good. No "widow makers" were identified during all of 2021. SELT will monitor this property every year without Preston's help; they want to have direct contact with the Conservation Commission.

<u>Tilton Bridge</u>: Scott went out to the property and it does not look like the bridges there are necessary. The Members questioned whether the bridges could be used elsewhere. Sandy will contact Joel about potential uses and if it is ok for us to move them. If so, Todd will organize getting them moved.

Mary Blair Park: Scott removed the map box.

Dimond Hill: Ben finished placing signs.

Epping Crossing Mitigation monitoring plan: Scott and Sandy got through the property description and maps. Thank you! Scott pointed out this is a big project due to the nature of the land and boundaries. Scott and/or Joe will ask the surveyor to create a specific conservation monitoring easement map, specifically an 11x17 plans of each separate Epping Crossing property (approximately a dozen) with property lines, conservation easement lines, wetland lines, pavement lines, and building outlines for conservation monitoring use. It does not need to be "stamped."

<u>Low Park</u>: See above regarding the Simpsons trail stewardship.



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<u>Hall Easement</u>: Ben spoke to Mr. Bilodeau and provided the forestry management plan. Mr. Bilodeau agreed to provide notice of future cuttings. Todd will review the Deed to see if notice is required or notice is merely a courtesy.

<u>Camp Lee Property</u>: Scott re-raised the issue of surveying this property. It is not well-used, but there are complex boundary issues with a historic cemetery nearby and an abutter performing tree work. Scott proposed to do the survey work himself for free, but there would be a cost for his company's oversight. The prior quote was for about \$7k. The quote with Scott's free work would be about \$3k. Sandy moved and Liz seconded to accept the proposal. The Members unanimously agreed, with Scott recused. Thanks Scott.

ADMIN

Budget update & approvals:

NHACC invoice: The Members unanimously approved \$400 for dues.

BlueHost: The Members unanimously agreed to reimburse Dan \$119.88.

<u>Budget discussion</u>: Joe will present our budget request to the Selectmen. The Members discussed the use of funds generally and potential budget requests. The Members agreed to keep the Town Budget request at \$6,000.

Tech, Finance, and Photo Contest:

Dan asked about the status of payment for the Mary Blair historic trail signs. Todd will inquire. Dan indicated that we have \$3,722.19 in the escrow budget, \$56,573.29 in LUCT funds, and \$2,967.02 in Town Budget.



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Dan indicated that 24 photos have been submitted for the contest. Entries close November 1. Dan and Liz discussed prize options; gift card to a local business or businesses. The ECC will narrow down to 5 choices, and then open up to the public to vote for those 5. Liz will review the timeline.

Outreach: Barbara was absent, but reported that the Community Fair and SELT Trail Fest were a success. Sandy spoke with a representative of SELT about their trail guides. The Members discussed outreach about trails and potential mapping and brochure ideas. Todd will look at the hard copies of the NRI maps to see what we have already. Joe volunteered to look at adding new properties to the map. The Members will then consider next steps in November, including potential events for outreach to people who are less inclined to know about the properties in Town. Barbara also asked Members to send/resend their bios. She'd also like some assistance with posting to the website.

Route 125 Improvement Project: Nothing new to report

<u>Beard Sand Pit</u>: Liz indicated that there are case deadlines approaching November 1st which she is following, including a reclamation plan.

ADJOURN

Todd moved, and Scott seconded to adjourn at 9:24, and the Members unanimously agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Todd Hathaway

Todd Hathaway, Secretary