



Date: 5/25/2022

Attendees:

- Sandy Goodspeed
- Ben Bade
- Jeff Leombruno
- Liz Wilson
- Dan McCombs
- Joe Trombley
- Jon Scully

Absent:

- Scott Pim

PROPERTIES

- Tilton
 - Sandy presented a proposal to secure the bridges with concrete blocks. Discussion about the proposal and some alternatives. Ben and Joe proposed some changes to attach the blocks to the bridges in a more permanent manner. Ben also proposed trying soil anchors. Ben would like to purchase and try the soil anchors before we move forward with attempting to get 1,500lbs of concrete blocks out to the bridges. Ben made a motion to spend up to \$100 from the ECC budget to secure the hardware needed to secure one bridge at Folsom. Liz seconded. Motion passed.
- Folsom – Ben
 - Ben mentioned that the trail steward for Folsom had proposed new signage on a mtb Facebook group. The Commission discussed the proposed signs vs the existing signs. The general opinion is people like the existing signs, but maybe we can do something to help them stand out a little more. Ben will take pictures of the existing signage so we can see them, and send them to Todd. We will discuss again at the next meeting.
 - Ben also mentioned that we need to do some cleanup from the fire that recently happened at Folsom. We've gotten approval from the police chief to remove the caution tape.

- Aiden Dyer (guest), here to discuss possible Eagle project
 - He was wondering if there's something he could help with, he would like to do something over the summer but has until next July. It needs to be something that doesn't benefit the troupe. Discussion around some possibilities, including a trail kiosk for Folsom, or putting in a trail in the land out behind WalMart. Aiden will go discuss some options with his scouting leadership, and will follow up on email with Ben and Sandy.
- Low Park trail work – Ben
 - Ben mentioned we had some volunteers out there that had done some cleanup. Ben needs to go out and see what trail work has been completed and what still needs to be done.
- George H Fall Woods
 - Volunteer workday – Ben
 - Todd went out this past weekend and got a lot of work completed, but has said there is still some work that needs to be completed.
 - Gravel parking completed – Sandy
 - Sandy shared some photos of the completed gravel lot.
 - Official name – Sandy
 - “George H Fall Woods”
 - Sign
 - Sandy mentioned that we had previously approved \$2,500 for a new sign, but she thinks that cost will go up. Todd is working on getting a new quote. Ben made a motion to approve a new sign if it's under \$3,000, to come from the operation budget, so long as the gravel parking lot comes from the trust fund. Dan seconded. Conversation followed. Motion passed, 5-1.

ADMIN

- Budget update
 - Operation - \$5,581
 - Escrow - \$3,724
 - LUCT - \$95,576
 - Trust fund - \$5,000
 - Discussion around the LUCT fund and how much of that the ECC receives. The ECC would like to understand what percentage of LUCT funds we receive, and what the town is doing with the percentage that

they receive. Dan to follow up with Lisa to see if she can provide any insight.

- o Boundary markers
 - 1,000 pieces purchased 2003
 - Sandy would like to purchase new boundary markers. Sandy made a motion to purchase 250 boundary markers for \$475 dollars from the operating budget.
- Tech – Dan
 - o Dan added John to the Google group.
- Photo Contest – Dan
 - o Dan mentioned we normally open up submissions in June. Liz will ensure the rules have been updated with tie break information.
- Outreach – John
 - o John met with Barbara to discuss some of the outreach she was doing, and he is willing to try writing some pieces for Speak Up Epping. Sandy mentioned some other options for trying to involve the public in conservation. John mentioned he'd like to potentially create some content by taking photos of Fish and Game stocking fish in some of our local ponds.
 - o Jeff mentioned attempting to get an updated list of properties on our website. Joe will send out the list he has.
 - o Liz said she has been in touch with EES about the September Bio Blitz event.
 - o Liz would like to see us have a tent at some public events. Examples from the past were Memorial Day parade, back to school nights. She would like us to keep it on our radar.
- Beard Sand Pit – Liz
 - o Liz has not found any public record of any activity on this property. She filed a record request, but has not heard back yet.
- Move meetings to third Wednesday of each month?
 - o Joe mentioned some of the other groups/boards in towns will be moving their meetings, but we will stay on the 4th Wed of the month.
- DAR Christmas tree – Sandy

- o Sandy provided an update about the tree at DAR park, which needs replacing again. Sandy said there was some comment at the Selectmen meeting that perhaps the ECC would want to be involved. General consensus is ECC should not be involved.

FUTURE ITEMS

- Group photos – reminder in August
 - o Volunteers – September 28, 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.