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Planning - Zoning - Economic Development - Conservation

August 16, 2016 – 6:30 PM

Grater Woods Subcommittee Approved Minutes

**Community Development Conference Room**

## **CALL TO ORDER – 6:43 PM**

**Members in attendance:** Steve Desilets; Steve Marble, Shannon Barnes; Adam Dodge, Matt Caron.

**Members excused:** Steve Bachand; Nat Fairbanks, Gage Perry, Joe Cogan; Jason Wright,

**Guests:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** N/A

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **- New property, existing issues**

- Merrimack / Amherst line is now defined at a stone wall and the wall has been built up to define use. Amherst signage to follow.

**Grater Road Gates update-** All 4 gates are up. The two outer gates are locked; two inner gates remain unlocked until D3 has been established.

**- D3 trail updates --** Has been approved to be built. Needs build plans with Joe Cogan.

**- Target shooting area-** One sign needs to be replaced. No current signs of recent shooting.

### **- Trails update (all members)**

- Silverfish and Centipede have been approved as single track (will be signed with red circles).
- Tadpole has been approved as multiuse non-motorized (will be signed with blue triangle).

### **- Update on meetings with Amherst CC**

- New chair at Amherst CC (Derek is chair, Wes is now a full member)
- Amherst CC is interested in Grater Woods, its usage and interested in doing similar things for Amherst.
- Amherst may try to leverage similar signage for trails.

**- Update the 2016 “TO DO list”**

- Gateway Trail trimming from School area down to Beebe Lane. Potential bid?
- **School Loop and Gateway large signs -**
  - Two new Kiosks have been built and are ready to be installed. One for School Loop (at bottom of hill at School parking lot near Kiosk and Gate). The other sign for Gateway will be placed near the Middle School soccer field as the road/Gateway trail goes up the hill from the Soccer field.

**- Trail map - NRPC - Wasserman** mapping and Wildcat falls mapping has been completed. Horse Hill mapping is scheduled for the weekend of 8/20. Grater Woods to be scheduled after Horse Hill mapping is complete.

**- Educational trail status --** No new updates.

**- Bambi Lane bridge / boardwalk (proposal anyone?) --** To be discussed with MCC.

**- Votes for committee positions.**

- o Designated School board position is now a permanent position /role on the committee. Shannon Barnes will fill that position.
- o Nominated - **Matt Carron for Chair**, Seconded by Steve Marble. Approved 4, opposed 0, abstain 1.
- o Nominated **Nat Fairbanks for Vice chair**- seconded by Shannon, Approved 5, opposed 0, abstain 0.
- o Nominated **Steve Desilets for Secretary** - Seconded by Steve Marble, Approved 4, opposed 0, abstain 1.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS;**

- Discussed that we should schedule a trail maintenance day Sept 9/10 and 9/11. The main tasks will be to clean the culverts, and put up signs for trails (Silverfish (2 signs), Centipede (3 signs), Tadpole (2 signs)), Skyline (6 signs). Potential to make a crib wall/bench to address Red Maple section near Beebe lane (roots/steep bank).
- The Mountain bike race proposal is being revisited and the proposal is now a cyclocross format. Currently reviewing if the race may be better suited at Wasserman in place of Grater woods. New date is currently being targeted of Nov 19<sup>th</sup>.

**PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES**

July 2016 draft minutes – Approved x, x against, abstain x, (will review July Minutes and August minutes at next meeting).

**ADJOURNMENT – 9:11 PM**

**Next meeting Sept 20<sup>th</sup>.**