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Horse Hill Nature Preserve

(Subcommittee of the Merrimack Conservation Commission)

Minutes for Tuesday, August 31, 2021

Matthew Thornton Room

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER at 7pm.

Attendees Present:

Marc Gagnon, Chairperson; Eric Starr (MCC); Lynne Wenz; Tim Adams

Attendees Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

- Update on Action Items taken from previous meeting:
 - Member terms. No official records or recollections from members as to their individual terms. Members will consider terms open-ended for the time being.
 - Observations of New Trails. Marc reviewed and noted several new trails not appearing on the current map: Access trail at end of Palmeri Drive. Access trail in NE corner of property going to Naticook Road. These should be considered for next map revision. Also discussed possible recommendation to relocate kiosk from end of Gerard Drive to end of Palmeri where there is a Horse Hill Sign and also parking available at the cul-de-sac.
 - Also noted that a member has observed there has potentially been some new private trail making on HHNP property by an unknown party off of Farmer Road / Gault Road at the western edge of HHNP. Eric and Marc will investigate and report to MCC as needed.
 - Discussion on committee membership shortage. Members agreed to continue to post flyers and social media outreach. Lynne has a potentially interested party that she will follow-up with. Marc also noted discussions with another potentially interested resident. Sub-Committee asks Eric to bring the urgent membership deficit to the MCC for guidance and/or action.
 - Discussion on HHNP trail conditions from mud season. The trails have been very wet due to record rain in July. Bridges are saturated and some rotting has accelerated. Marc has continued to make spot repairs and has other short term work planned using the stockpile of materials on Naticook Road. Tim suggested raking leaves and grading the rutted mudded areas before they fully dry out and harden. Marc will plan a work day for late September and reach out for volunteers.



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- Marc continues to re-fill map boxes from supplies received from Bruce. Noted that maps are being rapidly consumed. Tim suggested posting QR codes at the map boxes to help people get the on-line map. Tim will research and try it. Lynne has a potential contact that can make metal etched maps that could be posted at the intersections - Lynne to follow-up.
- MCC Update, Eagle Scout Projects? – Eric stated no update or discussion from MCC
- Multiflora rose eradication- Committee agreed 4-0-0 to recommend the MCC pursue non-herbicidal methods (i.e. goats! or regular mowing), and get pricing. Eric to follow-up with MCC.
- Kiosk Refreshing. Lynne to contact Marc in late September to open up and clean up notices in main kiosk on Amherst Road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of June 8, 2021. Committee voted 3-0-1 to approve. Lynne abstaining as not present at that meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE set for November 30 at 7PM.

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting moved and voted to adjournment at 8:10PM