



# Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire

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**WILDCAT FALL SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**(of the Merrimack Conservation Commission)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 16, 2014**

**Committee Members Present:**

- Karen LaBonte
- Andrew Duane
- Jane Josselyn
- Rebecca Brenton

Meeting was called to Order 6:35 PM in the Merrimack Town Hall, Community Development Room

**New Business:**

1. Strategize on 2015 Monthly Plans for the Subcommittee
  - a. See Plans for 2015 below
  - b. We identified dates for 2015 and Karen will request meeting rooms for dates below, unless identified as a park location:
    - i. January 13
    - ii. March 17
    - iii. May 12
    - iv. April 18<sup>th</sup> (meet at the park). (Need to determine if this conflicts with school vacations)
      1. NOTE: we will coordinate with the Scouts and the Foundation for the April date.
    - v. June 20 (meet at the park)
    - vi. July 14
    - vii. August 8 (meet at the park)
    - viii. September 8
    - ix. October 3 (meet at the park)
    - x. November 10
    - xi. December 8
2. Annual Report to the Board
  - a. Accomplishments:
    - i. Completion of the North Loop Trail
    - ii. Progress map on the Wildcat Falls Trail Map
  - b. Work in Progress:
    - i. Map
    - ii. Continuing dialogue with Michael LoVerme Memorial Foundation to coordinate volunteers for assisting in trail marking/post locations, etc.

- c. Plans for 2015:
  - i. Completion of the map
  - ii. Trail Marking (signage and posts)
  - iii. Networking with the Scouts and the Michael LoVerme Memorial Foundation
  - iv. May Spring clean-up in the park (downed trees, etc.)

**Old Business:**

- 1. Update trail map progress
  - a. We all agree a map is needed ASAP
  - b. Karen emailed the dates for the Conservation Committee meeting where a draft could be presented
  - c. The focus of the map will be identify the intersections (where we will have the sign posts)
- 2. Update information gathered for placement of safety barrels across river at upper falls
  - a. Whoever owns this part of the river is responsible for the barrels and maintenance of them. This is a free flowing river; barrels are typically designed for dams.
  - b. We have decided not to pursue a designated launching site for non-motorized boaters as there are other options along the river

**Committee Member Comments:**

- Karen will resend the contact information for Eagle Scout James Lolly, BSA Troop 424
- We reviewed the trail post and markers
  - Trail Markers will be White
  - Markers (one for usage) and one for trail name
  - Eventually, we plan to have an icon for each of the four trails, currently referred to as:
    - Border Trail
    - Falls Trail
    - Powerline Trail
    - Falls Trail
  - Andrew will provide a count and design the posts for the intersections. He will then obtain estimates. He was going to check with Matt regarding where the Horse Hill Preserve posts were purchased, etc.
- Committee also discussed adding a reminder to the kiosk to “pick up after you dog”. We will use verbiage similar to that at Horse Hill.
- Andrew presented a review of the emails in the Subcommittee mailbox
  - Karen LaBonte inquired if we could post photos of Wildcat Falls
    - The official town website has some photos
    - The Town Web Manager should be contacted for questions regarding additional uploads
    - We do have a google+ account. Recommend sending photos to Rebecca for google+
    - We also need to investigate the posting of meeting announcements to the google+ account (social media) in addition to the town website – Karen took this action
    - Karen also took an action to see if we could provide the link to the google+ site on the official Town Wildcat Falls Web-Site

- An email was received from “Lynn” regarding why the park is closed at Sundown/Dusk as this park is a town park supported by the taxpayers and it would be a great location for snowshoeing in the wintertime evenings. Karen took the action to research this.
- Tim Blagden requested information regarding connection to the Heritage Trail. This had previously been answered by Tim Tenhave. No further follow-up required.

**Presentation of Minutes:**

Meeting minutes from October 28th were reviewed and accepted. Motion to accept by Andrew, seconded by Karen, motion passed 4-0-0.

**Adjournment:**

1. Motion to adjourn was made by Jane; Seconded by Rebecca; Motion carried – 4-0-0.
2. Meeting adjourned at 7:35