

HHNP Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2019

In attendance: Peter Mikolajcuk, Cindy Glenn, Rose Shajenko, Tim Adams, Bruce Peterson, Don Laliberte.

1. Peter M. called to order.
2. Peter discussed maintenance required on 2 bridges/boardwalks on Quarry Trail. MCC approved a maximum amount of \$600.00 for the materials needed for repair. Peter will schedule a work day in the spring.
 - a. This is a one time expense. A question was raised by Don L. as to the process of the request & approval of funds directly from the MCC without the proper protocol of involving the HHNP for requests of funds.
3. Bruce P. and Don L. suggested that the HHNP needs to identify standing dead trees for removal.
4. Bruce P. addresses the need for HHNP to formulate goals for 2019. The goals should encompass safety, education and communication/outreach with town residents.
5. As one goal for 2019, all sub-committee members are asked to identify one topic/event to offer to town residents highlighting nature/wildlife. The goal for this project is to increase the public's awareness and promote participation in the HHNP as a resource.
6. Don L. addresses the need to resurrect the "Friends of HHNP" e-mail list and/or increase the HHNP's usage of the new Merrimack Forum FB page. Bruce P. offered to respond to questions left in the notebooks at the kiosk with his answers posted on Merrimack's official website.
7. Tim A. addressed the need to identify areas along the trail system as "common/known" wet areas, which are affected annually. Traffic needs to be re-routed around the flooded areas. Tim suggests a joint committee walk for this purpose.
8. Merrimack Outdoors.org website contains outdated info. A request was made that Cindy communicate with Tim Tenhave of MCC to make appropriate updates.
9. A suggestion was made to create a new trail between Outer Ledges and Twister. Discussion ensued. Concern was brought that the proposed area is a known wet area. This item was tabled.
10. The MCC has a "Beaver Plan" which is dated 5/15/2015. MCC is working on updating their beaver policy.
11. Don L. reports that after his review of the HHNP Charge, dated 12/21/2015, HHNP is required to provide a report to the MCC at the MCC's annual July meeting. The report needs to summarize HHNP activities, improvements, goals etc. Does the committee need to prepare for the July MCC meeting? Cindy G to report at our next meeting.
12. Minutes dated 10/29/2018 were approved as amended. All in favor.
13. Possible goals for 2019.
 - a. Identify wet areas
 - b. Identify bridges in need of repair
 - c. Develop education plan
 - d. Develop outreach to community
 - e. Identify safety issues
14. Bruce P. suggested that the HHNP schedule a meeting for the sole purpose of setting goals for 2019. Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 25th, 2019 at 6:30 PM. All in favor.

15. Peter M. suggests that the meeting start time be changed from 7:00PM to 6:30 PM. All in favor.
16. Bruce P. brings motion to adjourn, Tim A. seconds the motion. All in favor.

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