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Planning - Zoning - Economic Development - Conservation

Grater Woods

(Subcommittee of the Merrimack Conservation Commission)

Wednesday February 8, 2023

Memorial Conference Room

6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Call to order at 6:30pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeffrey LeCours

Amy Wood

Paul Labrie

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS:

o Trees down on various trails (Gateway, Red Maple)

An email from Mike Boisvert mentioned there were down trees on various trails. A list will be sent to DPW for assistance:

Red Maple (2 spots)

-large hemlock tree by Beebe culdesac entrance

-large hardwood tree further down on the way towards Conservation Drive across Red Maple

Silverfish

-large hardwood tree hanging over / obstructing the trail, 100 yards from the entrance by gate. This may have been cut but it was mentioned that more cleanup was necessary.

Outlook Trail

- medium dead pine down on ground across trail

Outdoor Classroom Trail

- two medium trees across the Bambi Trail side of the bridge

Signs for the entrances of Castor

-The MCC has a volunteer who has made signs in the past for Grater Woods so we're requesting signs for both ends of Castor. Amy mentioned that the area where the Wapack Panorama is might benefit from a sign so we're going to try and pop over to check it out in case we want to make an additional request at the next MCC meeting. While talking about that Wapack Panorama area it was noted that the display case is still in disarray and needs to be replaced.

Jeff walked around the School Loop area and thought trails were well marked by the green posts. Some posts might need paint touchup over the next year or so but were in good condition otherwise. There appears to be a green post missing at Wildlife Opening 1 that would help point out Gateway Trail to the west and Red Maple to the north.

The gate going in from Grater Road in Amherst has settled and was raised onto rocks so the key box could be accessed. Amy plans to head over to get a better idea of the situation once the snow melts.

OLD BUSINESS

Decking concerns for the bridge on the far Gateway Hill side of the Salamander trail. - This is still outstanding and the plan is to use reclaimed wood from Wildcat Falls.

The Salamander Trail bridge repairs were completed over 3 months ago, using recycled lumber from the Wildcat Falls bridge.

Stewardship plan appendix updates

-This is still under review.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The October 12, 2022 meeting minutes were approved

Motion by Jeffrey LeCours

Seconded by Amy Wood

Motion Passed

Adjournment: The February 8, 2023 meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm

Motion by *Jeff LeCours*

Seconded by *Paul Labrie*

Motion Passed