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GRATER WOODS SUBCOMMITTEE (of the Merrimack Conservation Commission)

MEETING MINUTES

August 19, 2014

Meeting started at 6:39 PM

Members in attendance: Jason Wright, Joe Cogan, Matt Caron, Shannon Barnes, Roger Blais, Steve Desilets, Gage Perry and Adam Dodge

Members missing: were Nat Fairbanks and Steve Bachand.

Guests: Mike Boisvert

Public comment. (None)

Membership terms:

Discussed new members and membership terms.

Elected officers

Steve Elected to Secretary (7)

Matt Elected to Chair (all in favor, 6, 0, 1 abstain)

Vice Chair- will vote on next meeting.

Signage update:

- Drilled rock is now completed.
- Red Maple in progress
- Brickyard not fully done
- School loop needs to be completed with the color-coding same as Grater Woods. (add note in Kiosk)
 - Matt Shevenell and Debbie Woelflein (invited to Oct meeting) to discuss additional signage and usage.
- There are some trails (off GW property) that have trail markers in similar colors spray painted on trees, some of these trails do intersect with GW adding to confusion. Suggestion to update the Kiosk with clarification.

Trail Cleanup/trim back:

- Outdoor classroom area has been trimmed back.

- Brickyard needs to be addressed with a bridge and trail finish work (need to schedule a trail day). Bridge may need to be approx. 20-40 feet (bridge and boardwalk). Request form will be completed by Gage. Mid Sept is suggested for a potential target (Sept 20 or Sept 21st).
- Ridge trail needs some trim back. (May need a power trimmer with a blade).

Gateway trail repair:

- Bids are in and expect an update at next meeting.

Flag D4

- Suggestion for a Category 4 trail in D4 area for 2 wheeled motorized use (Joe Cogan to map out trail). This is in the stewardship plan. If flagged by Sept 21st, we may be able to walk the trail as part of the trail day for Brickyard.

Red Maple (trail category)

- Sections of the trail are marked as non-motorized (per previous conservation meetings). This is not subject to change.

Marty Drive trail to School loop

- People are coming in from Marty drive to walk to school, however it appears that quads/ATV's are also using the trail and going onto school property and the soccer fields. This will be brought to the School's attention.

Kiosk information/map

- Update kiosk with the actual sign/markers (include note about trails off Conservation property).
- NH fish and Game hunting dates to be included in the Kiosk.
- Steve Desilets to complete Kiosk(s).

Wildlife Openings

- Bard owl landing is growing in. Plan is to let it to continue to grow (no clearing/trimming)
- View opening will be mowed along with Wildlife opening 1 (as part of the Gateway trail project)

Eagle Scout project:

Evan is moving forward with his bridge project on Drilled Rock (target for completion is sometime in Sept).

Blood Road/ Bambi Lane Bridge

- Discuss that a grant (safe routes to school) would be the best course of action because of the work and engineering involved to fix the trail, however, the grant target date has past so this would need to be done for next year.

Meeting ended at 8:38PM.

Next meeting scheduled for 9/16/14. (6:30PM)