GRATER WOODS SUBCOMMITTEE (of the Merrimack Conservation Commission) MEETING MINUTES September 16, 2014

Meeting started at 6:44 PM

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

Members missing: Steve Bachand, and Shannon Barnes Guests: Public comment. (None)

Signage update

- Possible that troop 424 may complete the signage.
- School loop needs to be done. We will review at next meeting but would like the School board to review.
- May suggest that the cross country team (7th /8th grade) help with trail signage /cleanup.

- Trail Cleanup/Trim back

• Ridge trail has been completed by Matt.

Gateway trail repair.

- Bids completed and work is now in progress as of 9/16.
- Planning for the TRAIL DAY September 21 Sept (8:30AM-12:30)
 - Brickyard trail- modifying the trail slight re-route for entrance.
 - Fix loose/broken boards on bridges near school (back of soccer field and Link trail bridge)

- Marty Drive trail to School Loop

- May need to be part of a safe routes to school grant.
- Eagle Scout bridge on Drilled rock
 - Project was reviewed with subcommittee and DES but needs further work.
 - This project may not complete this year.

- Kiosk information

- Both new kiosks have maps, trail usage and Hunting info posted.
- Need to add information link on how public can find maps along.
- Eagle project maintenance
 - As part of Eagle scout projects have maintenance be part of the project
 - Another option would be for Eagle scouts to update/maintain previous Eagle Scout projects.

GW Neighbors Blood Road / Bambi Lane bridge

• Would need to get a grant (safe routes to school). Projects would be significant and would be targeted for next year.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS –

Activities in Grater Woods,

- Vernal pool party was done in the past. Would like to revisit bringing this back.
- Snowshoe walk to Amherst
- Birding session.
- Any other ideas?

Nat Fairbanks voted in as Vice Chair. (6, 0, 1 abstain)

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES

7/8/2014 draft minutes (moved with amendments 6, 0, 1 abstain) 8/19/2014 draft minutes (moved with amendments 6, 0, 1 abstain)

Meeting ended at 8:35 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for Oct 21st. (6:30PM)