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Planning - Zoning - Economic Development - Conservation

July 19, 2016 – 6:30 PM
Grater Woods Subcommittee
Community Development Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER – 6:37 PM

Members in attendance: Nat Fairbanks, Steve Desilets; Steve Marble, Shannon Barnes; Adam Dodge, Gage Perry,

Members excused: Steve Bachand; Joe Cogan; Matt Caron, Jason Wright,

Guests:

PUBLIC COMMENT Subcommittee will receive public comment on Grater Woods.
N/A

NEW BUSINESS

- New property existing issues
 - o Steve Marble did see a dirt bike on Skyline. Steve did speak to him and the rider was not aware of where he could ride (was not aware of the legend for the colors/use) -- Maybe mark as no motorized at the ends.
- Grater road gates update -- Gates are up and signs are being placed. Gates will be locked in approximately 2 weeks.
- Target shooting area-- As of 2 weeks ago, all signs were in place except one. No known reports of any shooting activity.
- Trails updates (all members)
 - o Discussed adding links to the standards documents for building trails (for Mountain biking and off road use).
 - o D3, Tadpole, silverfish, centipede approved.
 - o D2 and D4 needs further work, D2 has some sections go on Amherst property. Right riders working to remap.
- Update on meeting with Amherst CC -- No new updates.
- Update the 2016 "To do" list--
- Gateway trail trimming -- Discussed as part of trail maintenance day on 9/10-9/11.

- Trail map - NRPC -- Mapping starts Saturday 7/23, Gage and Matt working with NRPC this weekend.
- Educational trail status-- No new updates
- Classroom needs updates as the benches etc. are deteriorating. Potential to maybe list this as an Eagle Scout project. Other ideas may be reuse of bleachers being renovated.
- Bambi Lane bridge/boardwalk proposal.
- One resident is bringing a proposal to town council on 7/21 to create/allow a shooting range on town property/ possibly Grater woods.
- Discussed a trail day to address gateway mowing and other maintenance Sunday 9/10 and 9/11. -- May put on the Merrimack Outdoors to get additional communication and engagement from the public. May also use Facebook.
- Adam Dodge - Discussed mountain bike race for early Oct 2nd or Oct 9th in Grater Woods. Police and EMS have approved. School board and other approvals still pending. Bishop Field will be the staging area for the race. Some issues being discussed around Madeline Bennett drive for both parking and race lanes. Other logistics around which trails could be used/may need to be addressed pre/post-race. Suggestion to use 9/10- 9/11 Maint day as a prep.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS;

Com con updates - Membership for MCC. Matt's position is up for 7/31, Steve Marble, Adam Dodge, Steve Bachand terms all end 7/31. Joe Cogan's term ends as well.

- Potential to change charge for dates for turn over to match the other subcommittees
- Board voted to have an official School Board on the GW committee
- Change of terms.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES

May 2016 draft minutes – Approved 5, 0 against, abstain 0,

ADJOURNMENT – 7:53 PM

Next meeting August, 16 6:30.