

GRATER WOODS
(Subcommittee of the Merrimack Conservation Commission)
TUESDAY MAY 16, 2017
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Members in attendance:

Steve Marble, Gage Perry, Jason Wright, Nat Fairbanks; Shannon Barnes; Steve Desilets

Members excused: Steve Bachand, Adam Dodge, Matt Caron, and Joe Cogan

Guests - Wayne Landry, Mason Landry

1. CALL TO ORDER

6:35 PM

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

N/A

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Eagle Project – Outdoor classroom benches - Mason presented his proposal to upgrade the outdoor school classroom with new benches. Presented plan was to install 10 benches (5 in each row) in approximately the same location as the current benches. Benches will be built with concrete footings with the seats bolted to the concrete. Mason will host fundraiser(s) over the summer to obtain the funds to complete the project in the fall. Mason may be able to leverage the same contractor that has been used for other GW projects to dig the holes for the concrete footings. Mason's plan was approved by all members of GW subcommittee during the meeting. Next steps is for Mason to present at the June 5th Conservation Commission meeting and then at the June 8th town meeting for their approvals.

b. Bambi Lane Bridge and boardwalk work dates - Initial walkthrough and suggested plan has been completed. Will need several work dates to complete. Targeted work dates are June 4th and June 10th/11th. Plan will be for one of the days to focus on bridge construction and another day to construct boardwalk. A third day may be required to address water bars/fill for entrance/exit of boardwalk and bridge.

c. Trifold brochure information from Merrimack Conservation Commission - Brochures are near completion and will be printed/put out soon.

d. Kiosk Refresh – New maps (once available) will be posted in all Kiosks along with the 2017 hunting information. Beebe Lane Kiosk will contain some localized information on user's consideration of neighbors of the GW property and the hunting 300' post/markers.

e. School Lot Kiosk – Outdoor Classroom Kiosk - will be updated with the same standard Kiosk information.

f. 2017 Hunting Dates - Covered in Kiosk update.

g. Parking Areas for GW - No new discussion. Will discuss at next meeting

h. Update 2017 “To Do” List - will discuss at next meeting

i. Stewardship Plan Appendix Updates - plan is to update a section each month but may differ this activity to fall /winter so focus can be on completing projects.

j. Access Issues/Unauthorized Trail Use - Steve Marble noted that there was a new fire pit and some party décor left in wildlife opening one. No other trash or issue. Will monitor for any additional issues.

k. D3 - pending updates from Roger Blais and Joe Cogan.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March, 21, 2017 (Approved 4, 0, 2 abstain)

B. April, 18, 2017 (Approved 4, 0, 2 abstain)

6. ADJOURNMENT

7:52 PM