

WILDCAT FALLS CONSERVATION AREA SUB-COMMITTEE
(of the Merrimack Conservation Commission)

Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2017 (DRAFT)

Committee Members Present:

Elizabeth (Liz) Petrides

Karen LaBonte

Rebecca Brenton

Gina Rosati

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 6:37 in the Community Development Conference Room.

Public Comments:

1. No public comments

New Business:

1. Rebecca Benson will be moving out of state, and this will be her last meeting. This will open up a position on the sub-committee.
2. **Fall clean-up:** A number of trees fell down across the trails as a result of the wind storm we had in early November, one of which blocks the emergency access trail. Liz will post on Merrimack Outdoors Facebook to see if anyone is available to help, otherwise will try to borrow a chainsaw to remove.
3. **Graffiti:** A swastika was spray painted on a tree on the property by the highway bridge. Tim Thompson from the Conservation Commission was in touch with Chief Roy regarding the incident. Once the police know exactly where it is, they will document it. Once it is documented, it can be painted over with black spray paint.
4. Hunters spotted on north loop trail. Reviewed that hunting is not allowed on the property, but it is not prohibited on the state easement.
5. **Leashes for dogs:** RSA 111 ordinance currently dictates that leashes are required for dogs at Wildcat Falls, but this is not enforced. RSA 111 will be reviewed in the coming year.

Old Business:

1. **Social media:** By consensus, agreed not to create a new social media page for the property on Facebook.
2. **Maps for the kiosk:** Gina has a box of maps, Liz and Karen asked to keep some of the maps to regularly replace when the kiosk is empty. Additionally, the new large map to be placed on the kiosk is complete.

3. **Placement of picnic bench by detention pond:** Liz will put out flags this week to stake out the position of the gravel. Once this is done, she will e-mail Gina to let DPW know where to place the gravel to be spread.
4. **Trail runoff/erosion:** Karen met with DPW over the summer to discuss the issue of trail erosion caused by water runoff. DPW had asked that flags be put out to mark the location of the proposed ditch, which is still outstanding. Suggestion was made to engage with Matt Caron from the Conservation Commission in the spring before this is done to ensure proper placement. Due to DPW winterization activity, it isn't anticipated that this will be complete until the spring.
5. Granite Memorial bench is in place by the falls.
6. Sharon Haynes is looking to compile a list of 2018 meeting dates. The following dates were selected:
 - a. January 9, 2018 at 6:30 PM
 - b. April 10, 2018 at 6:30 PM
 - c. July 10, 2018 at 6:30 PM
 - d. October 9, 2018 at 6:30 PM

Meeting Minutes:

Karen moved to approve the August 8, 2017 draft minutes. Seconded by Liz. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Liz, seconded by Karen. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.