HHNP Meeting Minutes

October 29, 2018

In attendance: Peter Mikolajcuk, Cindy Glenn, Don Laliberte, Tim Tenhave, Sharon Hickey, Helen Lynn Wenz, Tim Adams, Bruce Peterson.

Guests include: Watonic Bowmen Club, (Raegh Greenleaf, Gary Fox and John Hall).

- 1. Peter M. called to order.
- 2. Watonic Bowmen provided overview of the archery club and stated that they hosted 3 "shoots" on 2018 and are planning to host 4 shoots in 2019. They have agreed to post "caution" signs nearby to the arranged shoot area, along with signs advising hikers to stay on the marked trails. Upon completion of the shoots, Watonic Bowman will remove all signs.
- 3. Member Don Laliberte asked about the status of "Friends of Horsehill". This is a group of HHNP users who have signed up to be part of an e-mail list which the sub-committee can use to recruit help with projects which are identified by the sub-committee. Cindy Glenn stated that this e-mail used to be maintained by previous sub-committee member, Deborah Huffman. Cindy stated that she would try to reach out to Deb to obtain the most recent list. Discussion surrounding future use of Merrimack Outdoors on Facebook.
- 4. Tim Adam proposed a new "connector" trail be installed to connect Outer Ledged to Twister.
- 5. Election of officers: Cindy brought motion, Tim Adams seconded the motion.
 - a. Peter Mikolajcuk to serve as President. All in favor.
 - b. Bruce Peterson to serve as VP. All in favor.
 - c. Secretary, Sharon Hickey will serve until her term expires, 11/2020.
- 6. Peter reported that there has been no action on the Girlscout walking stick project. We await further action to be initiated by the Girlscout troop that proposed the project.
- 7. Peter M. advised that Newt Coryell has offered to donate lumber for a future HHNP bridge repair need. A neighbor of HHNP has offered to allow that the lumber be stored on his property. Peter and Newt will arrange that the lumber be moved from Newt's home to the neighbor's home for storage until the sub-committee identifies a need.
- 8. We need to find a mower! We've always used Newt's.
- 9. Approval of minutes of 7/9/2018 meeting. Motion by Bruce P and second by Tim A. All in favor.
- 10. E-bikes discussion brought forth by Don L. Given that there are no previous regulations related to e-bikes, and that due to the fact that they are motorized and could cause damage to the trail system, there will be no e-bikes allowed on HHNP. Motion by Bruce P. and second by Tim A., 6 in favor of no e-bikes, 1 opposed.
- 11. Additional Comments:
 - a. Tim A. suggests that branches be placed over wet spots.
 - b. Peter M. will post dates for 2019 meetings.
 - c. Bruce P. suggested that HHNP promote outdoor education for our Merrimack Schools. Tim T. stated attempts have been made over the years however due to logistics, this idea is just not practical.
 - d. Cindy proposed that a QR code be posted at the kiosks in an attempt to reduce the need for maps.

- e. Lynn W. has volunteered to obtain the 2018-2019 hunting schedule for posting in the kiosks.
- f. Don L. raised questions regarding communication between MCC and HHNP. Communication between these 2 entities flows through Cindy. Cindy confirms that IF Cindy has discussed a topic with HHNP, she will vote during MCC meetings, and will abstain from voting in MCC meeting IF she has not discussed a particular topic with HHNP.
- g. Don. L stated that there is evidence of fire and broken glass at the top of Blodgett Hill.
 He suggested that "NO FIRES" needs to added to the signs which designate appropriate use of the property.
- 12. Motion to adjourn brought forth by Cindy G. and seconded by Lynn W.