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WILDCAT FALL SUBCOMMITTEE

(of the Merrimack Conservation Commission)

Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2014

Present: Karen Labonte, Andrew Duane, Jane Josselyn, Rebecca Brenton, Simon Thomson

Meeting was called to Order 6:30 PM in the Merrimack Town Hall.

There were no public comments

New Business:

1. Installing safety slats/rails on bridge for hikers using bridge in winter icy conditions
2. Set a date to gather at the Park for North Loop Trail Clearing/Spring Cleanup
 - a. The committee decided on 5/12 at 5 PM.
 - b. Volunteers welcome, we will meet in the Parking Area at Wildcat Falls. Volunteers should bring their own work-gloves.
 - c. Recommended this be posted to the official Town site schedule

Old Business:

1. List of public notices to be posted at kiosk
 - a. Rebecca will be the "Kiosk Keeper"
 - b. Notices should include (at a minimum):
 - i. Policy regarding clean-up after your pets
 - ii. Beware of Bears
 - iii. "No Motorized Vehicles" sign – Simon will obtain
 - iv. Maps (committee agreed this needs to be a priority. Jane will bring an updated map to the May 12th meeting at the park).
 - v. Usage Sign
 1. A complaint was noted about "out of control dogs at the park". Since this is a restricted conservation area – we will need clarification. Simon took an action to follow-up on rules/regulations regarding dogs
2. Specific types of signs/ and trail markers needed and where they are to be placed
 - a. Simon will obtain "Private Property" signs

- i. These would be placed at the far end of the north loop trail before the trail detours to avoid abutter's property. Also considered for the power line area to mark the edge of the conservation area.
 - b. Reviewed Category A/B/C/D and associated Trail Markers.
 - i. A- All Users designated with a yellow triangle
 - ii. B – Walking Trails (non-motorized) designated with Light Blue Triangular markers
 - iii. C – Special use (non-motorized) designated with Red Circular markers
 - iv. D – Special use (motorized) designated with Orange Square Markers
- 3. Clearing as well as marking trails clearly on the North Loops to make it easier for hikers to navigate.
 - a. Refer to "New Business", Item 2.
 - b. Need to add more 'vertical brush" to keep hikers on the new trail as opposed to the old lumber road
- 4. Continued discussions/update information gathered from previous meeting on February 10, 2014
 - a. Jane and Andrew met with a local shop regarding the donation of a "Doggie Bag" container. The owner had previously donated one for another park and it was destroyed; therefore, did not want to donate at this time.

Meeting Minutes from February 10, 2014 were approved as written.

- b. Motion to approve by Karen Labonte
- c. Seconded by Rebecca Brenton
- d. Motion carried 5-0-0

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:25