

Meeting started at 6:36PM

Members in attendance: Shannon Barnes, Matt Caron, Steve Desilets, Jason Wright, Steve Bachand, Nat Fairbanks, Gage Perry.

Members not in attendance: Joe Cogan and Adam Dodge.

Guests: None.

Public comment. (None)

AGENDA:

Appendix E updates Stewardship Plan

- Appendix E will be updated to include two section;
 - Proposed Projects and trails
 - Completed projects and trail.
- Completed projects will be listed in the order of oldest completed to newest completed (most recent at the bottom).
- Gage will update Appendix E and provide to conservation committee for Nov 2nd.
- Steve to send Gage the "revised" Appendix E.
- Proposal to remove Number 6 from Appendix E (page 79) to remove Right Riders proposals.

Motions

- Motion- Remove original number 6 from Appendix (page79 Right Riders proposal) from the Appendix E, and bring to Conservation committee for Nov2nd. Motion (6 for, 1 oppose, 0 abstain).
- Motion - Accept appendix E as re-organized, re-worded, and reprioritized Appendix E Motion (7 for, 0 oppose, 0 abstain)
- Motion- Move Appendix E right riders proposal to end of the Appendix E list if Conservation Committee does not approve of its removal from Appendix E. Motion (7 for , 0 oppose, 0 abstain)

Kiosk updates (Gage has an extra and wants it out of his shed)

- Suggestion to move at opening of Salamander Trail near intersection of Merrimack/Grater Road (Amherst parking lot). Date for installation Nov 14th.

Joe Mroz Eagle Project trail update. Trail has been cut in and is usable. Trail is yet to be named, connects Brickyard to Red Maple.

Police Patrol update (Reports) - 5 reports available, pamphlets are being handed out. One recommendation for more signage.

Trail signage update / Map updates. - Millipede has been marked.

Red Maple - Improvement Results-- Red Maple has had work completed to add material to the hill leading to wildlife opening one, along with drainage. Rocks were placed across from view trail, at the entrance of

View trail, at the entrance of wildlife opening /old Brickyard access, near Parker, and close to Drilled rock/Beebe lane area.

Amherst/Merrimack trail- Postponing additional work at this time as other work is pending.

Late fall work day - Gages Kiosk is next proposed fall work day (Nov 14th)

Beaver Meadow/Marty to School Loop trail (bridge) -- Will be an item to discuss as part of the logs to lumber items.

New parcel updates- New property is pending Nov 10th which will add~ 150 acres to Grater Woods managed property.

Eagle projects maintenance (Sealant) -1 bench is already done. Overview bench and railing have been completed. Rest of work to be completed in the spring.

Blood Road / Bambi Lane bridge - Has been added as an appendix E item.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Address members that have not attended and review intentions. Do they want to give up their positions or change their participation?

Middles School meeting - Shannon discussed use of Grater Woods was brought up at School board meeting. School will need to provide objectives with the thought that the Grater Woods sub-committee members could provide knowledge/assistance.

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES

July minutes were reviewed and Approved 4 for, 0 oppose, 3 abstain
Meeting ended at 9:28 PM.

Next meeting to be Nov 17th

Appendix E

Proposed Projects and Trails

1. Gates on South Grater Road - Work with the Town Council to enable the placement of gates on South Grater Road at the property lines. Place the gates once all approvals are in place.
2. Skyline Trail – On the eastern end, the *trail* continues from the end of Ridge Trail and follows the current (2013) southern property line. It continues westward and intersects with South Grater Road
3. The Environmental trail, which begins at the education center and loops around the beaver meadow, is in progress however additional work is needed for tread work and a bridge.
4. Bambi Lane Bridge crossing Old Blood Road.
5. Additional bridge and trail work for Marty /school loop /Beaver pond area to address student access to School.
6. Address Mobility Impaired access points, *trail* design and *trail* descriptions to allow *OPDMD* usability of Grater Woods.
7. Old Blood Road (Future Secondary Access)

This is a portion of road known as Old Blood Road. This portion runs from Madeline Bennett Drive southerly and then to the east where it meets Wilson Hill Road. There are three sections of the road: the first is a Class VI road running through wetlands directly behind several residential properties before entering the second, a wooded area and the third where it then runs through another residential area as a Class V road. A development is being proposed for an extensive portion of this road and if approved will impact this area substantially.

1. The impact to residential areas would be great as the houses are located close to the roadway.
2. The road is close to Wilson Hill Road and Madeline Bennett Drive.
3. Ready access is limited due to wetlands and lack of parking.
4. The road is currently used by all types of motorized and non-motorized traffic.
5. The benefits of using this road as an access would greatly impact by the proposed development in the area. Current concerns include wetland impacts, steep terrain and restricted uses of abutting School District land. Since it is a Class VI road improvements are limited at this time.

Recommendations: Access is not viable at this time, but future potential access could be negotiated as plans for the new residential development progress.

Completed Projects and Trails

- Brickyard Trail –trail is complete and the trail is open. Bridges were installed to cross a seasonally wet area near the western end.
- Drilled Rock Trail – Trail is complete and the *trail* is in use. Two bridges were installed for a wet area near a beaver dam.
- infrastructure projects to support future land use and other projects in this appendix included:

1A. Bottom of Gateway Hill - Corrected the access through the wet area at the bottom of Gateway Hill. Professional contracted services were used to build and install a bridge at the bottom of gateway hill. Hill also had water bars/drainage improvements installed.

1B). Beebe Lane crossing the outlet heading North-B Trail. Enhanced the access at Beebe Lane. A bridge was installed to cross the stream near Beebe Lane and a Kiosk was installed at the entrance from Beebe lane to the trail system.

1C) Wildlife Openings 1 and 2. The trail / hills leading out of Wildlife Openings 1 and 2 were updated with crushed stone, compaction and other stabilization efforts. The sides of the trail on Gateway were also mowed back to restore the original width of the trail.

- 1E) Red Maple Trail and Conservation Drive Access - Completed the Red Maple Trail Mitigation Project and corrected access to that trail from Conservation Drive. A Gate was also installed.
- Red Maple trail improvement- fixed the trail as it enters wildlife opening 1, added material and drainage to improve the trail. Also closed access from wildlife opening one to “old” entrance area to Brickyard trail.