

## Horse Hill Nature Preserve

Meeting Minutes April 10, 2017, 7:00PM

Matthew Thornton Room

In attendance: Peter Mikolajczuk, Roland Roberge, Deb Huffman, Cindy Glenn, Helen Wenz, Don Laliberte, Tim Adams, Rose Shajenko, Sharon Hickey

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Peter M who was sitting in on behalf of Newt Coryell.
2. Map:
  - a. Trail description needs to be condensed.
  - b. MCC states no topo lines will be placed on the new map as is will be considered "too busy".
  - c. Picture to be placed on the front cover of the map will be a rotating picture and will be chosen by contest among the public who will be encouraged to take photos from HHNP and enter them in a contest for publication on the map.
  - d. Per MCC, there will be no designation of streams.
  - e. File will be editable.
  - f. Single track trails will be designated.
  - g. There will be no elevation key.
  - h. Lastowka will be designated.
  - i. Blodgett Hill By-Pass is the official name, even though it's not a by-pass.
  - j. Power lines will more prominent.
  - k. There will not be GPS coordinates on the new map.
  - l. Palmari will be taken off the map.
3. Prioritize trail maintenance.
  - a. Old tires and battery will be removed.
  - b. Corner behind Taylor's house needs to be re-routed.
  - c. North side of White Pines Swamp needs a boardwalk.
  - d. Review solutions for the foot of HorseHill Summit.
  - e. Extremely wet at post 4.
  - f. The water at Watson Bridge is flowing, thanks to Don Laliberte's efforts and diligence.
4. To-Do list.
  - a. Continue boundary marking on western side. Tentative date scheduled for Sat 4/22 at 8:00 at the Amherst Rd parking lot.
  - b. Watson Bridge and other trail maintenance.
  - c. Tim Adams volunteered to cut back the multi floral roses.
  - d. Bitter sweet needs to be cut back.
  - e. Re-route post 4.
  - f. Peter will order more "discontinued trail signs.
5. First Saturday Hikes:

- a. Deb H spoke with Karen LaBonte and Matt Caron to schedule hikes. HHNP needs to offer hike on June 3.
  - b. Lynn Wenz volunteered to organize a pond probe which will educate participants about the living creatures in the ponds.
6. New proposed trail from posts 14 to post 15. There is no resolution for this.
7. Skidder damage:
  - a. There was a police report filed on 3/26 about a piece of heavy equipment which entered HHNP, and drove through a part of the preserve.
  - b. There was severe damage done by the machinery.
  - c. There is an on-going investigation as it related to wet land violations.
8. Peter reports that the Eagle Scout project is in process and that the site, Spaulding foundation, has been cleared of the fence and the trees.
9. Amy Casparius has terminated her service at the town office, and that Diane Simmons is our new contact.
10. [conservationcommission@merrimack.nh.gov](mailto:conservationcommission@merrimack.nh.gov) will be added to meeting distribution list.
11. There is an amendment to the 11/28/2016 meeting minutes. Item E. Let the record reflect that the motion, brought by Newt C and seconded by Sharon H, was a motion to “table” the topic of the new trail, and as stated in the 11/28/2016 meeting minuets, there was no resolution.
12. There are amendments to the 1/16/2017 meeting minutes.
  - a. Let the record reflect that Rose Shajenko was present.
  - b. The meeting was held at the police department.
  - c. Drones do not need approval by HHNP.
13. Motion to approve the amended minutes of the 11/28/2016 & 1/10/2017. The vote was 7 yes, 2 abstain.