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Sklar Waterfront Park
(Subcommittee of the Merrimack Conservation Committee)
Minutes for Meeting, December 15, 2021
Memorial Room

Members Present:

Anita Creager
Dave Trippett
Dave Webb
Mark Twardoski
Mike Boisvert
Mike Drouin
Tom Martinson

Alternate Members Present:

Nancy Kelly
Weston Cole

1. **Call to Order**—Chairman Mike Drouin called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

2. **Public Comment:**

Steve Perkins, Chairperson of the Merrimack Conservation Commission (MCC) spoke on behalf of the MCC, thanking the Sklar sub-committee for their recent work. He also stressed the importance of communication and feedback between the MCC and the sub-committee, about attempts to control OHRV usage on the property, about the logistics of moving forward with the boat launch project, and about the importance of the sub-committee's understanding and adhering to the deed restriction.

3. **Old Business:**

- A. Mike Drouin spoke briefly about the hierarchy of which town committees and boards and what the roles of those different entities with respect to the Sklar Property's development.
- B. Mike Drouin delineated a summary of the work that has thus far been accomplished. His list included:
 - Posting of trail signs
 - Brush and tree removal in the kiosk area

- Progress on Parking and Boat Launch areas
- Maintenance on trails

4. New Business:

- A discussion was held on how to handle traffic flow in the boat launch area. After much discussion, it was determined that we would need further deliberation before finalizing a plan.
- Motion made by Mike Drouin:
 - To accept a plan to create a rock barrier on the south of the boat launch parking area.
 - Seconded by Tom Martinson
 - Motion passed unanimously
- A discussion was held on improving visual appearance of the Kiosk area. Mike Boisvert will reach out to entities in the community for assistance in developing this area.
- A discussion was held on mitigating flooding from river level fluctuations. Dave Trippet will investigate possible sources to provide materials to address this issue.
- Mike Drouin spoke about controlling or eliminating the spread of invasive plant species that predominate the entire area. Consensus is that the only option for now is periodic maintenance where these species flourish.
- Motion made by Mike Drouin :
 - To request funding from Merrimack Conservation Commission to fund the cost of five (5) picnic tables and the materials to anchor them.
 - Seconded by Mark Twardosky
 - Motion passed unanimously
- A discussion was held on controlling the illegal disposal of tires on the property and how to block off areas where such disposal commonly occurs.
- Mike Drouin spoke about safety of committee and community members while doing maintenance work on the property. During tree removal, the following conditions must exist:
 - Only one person may operate a chain saw in any working area
 - One person should remain as a spotter in the area to prevent any walking or vehicular traffic while this work is ongoing.
 - No one else is permitted in any area where tree removal work is being done.

5. Date and Location for next meeting was set for March 13, 2022 at 4:00 pm on the Sklar property.

6. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Tom Martinson

Seconded by Mike Boisvert

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Tom Martinson