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Planning - Zoning - Economic Development - Conservation

Grater Wood Subcommittee
(of the Merrimack Conservation Commission)

Feb 21, 2016 – 6:30 PM

Memorial Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER – 6:40 PM

Members in attendance: Matt Caron; Steve Desilets; Shannon Barnes; Nat Fairbanks

Members excused: Steve Bachand; Joe Cogan; Adam Dodge, Jason Wright; Steve Marble; Gage Perry

Guests:

PUBLIC COMMENT

NEW BUSINESS:

- Trifold brochure information update --
 - o Need to make more like Horse Hill suggested trifold
 - o Need to add permitted uses
 - o Add Notice section (clean up after animals etc)
 - o Disclaimers on risks/use (falls, bites)
 - o Need updated trail descriptions for each trail.
 - o (example school loop (begins/ends) double track add milage.
 - o Example (Skyline trail steep sections)
 - o Gateway easy gentle grades double wide.
 - o Call out features (overlooks) on Drilled rock/redmaple
- Bring suggestions to next meeting-- (Steve -)
- D3 - Joe -- Still pending reflagging by right riders and GW approval
- Parking areas for GW-- 2 potential areas for parking (both off of Wilson Hill road), one near where the logging was performed, One on the new property purchased by Amherst.
- Winter trail grooming-- A Snowdog is available to Grater Woods for grooming trails for Cross country skiing, snow mobiles and Fat biking.
- Update 2017 "TO DO list" -- Need to perform clean up/ trimming. May need to close off a portion of seasonally used trails.

- Logging on the Donut Hole and Chestnut Hill -- There is a good buffer between where they logged and conservation property, they appear to be finished as of 2/21.

- Review for a logging project on new parcels-- 2 of the newer purchased parcels being reviewed for logging. Sub- committee discussed concerns that creating the access to log the area would be more disruptive to the properties and unsure if monetarily or forest health issues warrant a forest project on those properties at this time.

- New Map preview and double check (discussed as part of trifold agenda)

- Kiosk refresh –new map, review examples,

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Conservation drive only has map

Beebe Lane Kiosk has map and banner to describe 300 foot no hunting boundary.

All will need updates with new maps.

- School Lot kiosk – Outdoor Classroom kiosk -- Both should be updated with the new Grater Woods maps when available.

- Outdoor Classroom benches - Pending discussion with Gage.

- Bambi Lane bridge / boardwalk - Will need to be done in spring after thaw.

- Stewardship plan appendix updates - Pending discussion at next meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS; None

Com con updates - None

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES

Jan 2017 draft minutes – Approved 2 , 0 against, abstain 2,

ADJOURNMENT – 8:26 PM

Next meeting March, 21st. 6:30.