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## **HORSEHILL NATURE PRESERVE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING.**

**Monday, February 3, 2020**

**In Attendance:** Members: Bruce Peterson, Tim Adams, Don Laliberty, Peter Mikolajcuk, Sharon Hickey, Tim Adams, Rose Shajenko, Lynn Wenz.

**MCC Representative:** Matt Caron

**Visitors:** Watonic Bowman Pres., John Hall, WB V.P. Gary Fox, WB Treasurer, Reagh Greenleaf, Marc Gagnon, Robin Abbott

1. Robin Abbott visited the subcommittee meeting as she is interested in becoming a friend of HHNP and may be interested in serving on the sub-committee.
2. Watonic Bowman representatives attended the meeting to provide a report regarding the fire which occurred on the property. Their insurance carrier has deemed the 24'x24' structure a "total loss", and the Merrimack Fire marshal has determined that the fire was intentionally set. The club's leadership is currently investing options to rebuild the structure and is requesting that electricity be installed to provide a streetlight for our common use. Additionally, they are requesting parking signs for the area.
  - a. Peter brought a motion, and seconded by Rose, for Pete to request funding from the MCC to purchase 4x4 posts, solar light fixtures and motion detectors. All approved.
3. Hunting is allowed on HHNP. All NH Fish & Game laws and regulations will apply. Hunting is allowed in season, with proper firearms, observing the hunting calendar posted by NH Fish & Game.
4. Don L. read the MCC charge to the HHNP subcommittee.
  - a. Purpose of the HHNP. Matt Caron suggested an effort to mark the boundaries with some accuracy to maintain the continuity along property lines. He suggested organizing a spring work party to use GPS mapping technology. Peter M. offered to begin organizing an effort to begin marking the property lines in the area of Pollard Rd & Lexi Circle.
  - b. Bridges. It was determined that bridges on HHNP are not required to be "horse safe". The sub-committee should conduct assessment of the condition of the bridges, paying particular attention to the bridge at Abbey Ln. Marc Gagnon has offered to begin this effort.

5. Rose Shajenko fielded a suggestion made by a user of HHNP to begin to name/number the bridges which would correlate to the map as this would serve to increase orientation to users of the property.
  - a. This effort could also serve as a way for the sub-committee to inventory the quality of the bridges, assess materials needed and record when a bridge was repaired and what the repair consisted of. This method would allow the sub-committee to have a current assessment and allow for future maintenance budgeting.
  - b. It was agreed that the bridge at Abbey Lane needs immediate attention. Marc G. suggested that this bridge needs a new design which will reduce erosion around the footings of the bridge. Marc G. and Don L. will assess and determine materials needed.
  - c. Peter will go to the MCC to request funding for this effort.
  - d. Motion by Sharon H. and seconded by Tim A. All approved.
  
6. Closing Remarks.
  - a. Don L. advised that a police rescue was conducted on HHNP.
  - b. Bruce P. Suggests placing a map holder at the bottom of Blodget trail and that reflective arrows to installed at all posts. Also suggests that Christian Movement Church be allowed to provide 8 hours of community service to assist with our bridge repair which was previously identified. Lastly, Bruce expressed a need to assess ALL bridges on HHNP.
  - c. Tim A. had volunteered to cut back the multi floral rose which is an invasive specie present in multiple areas on HHNP.
  - d. Lynn W. Post hunting schedule.
  
7. Meeting adjourned by motion brought by Matt C. and seconded by Sharon H.