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GRATER WOODS SUBCOMMITTEE (of the Merrimack Conservation Commission)

MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2014

Members in attendance: Jason Wright; Matt Caron; Steve Desilets; Thomas Lehman, Nathaniel Fairbanks

Members missing: Steve Bachand, Shannon Barnes, Joe Cogan, Adam Dodge, Roger Blais

Guest: Matt Casparius

Meeting started at 6:36PM

Agenda/Discussion:

NEW BUSINESS

- Signage update

Matt has been going through trail-by-trail and replacing removed yellow markers. Private property signage in some locations has also been removed. Contact with the police has been made to discuss possible patrols.

- Trail Cleanup gateway/Trim

RFP went out for the trail repair to fix the gateway trail that extends from behind the school to Beebe Lane. Work is expected to be finished before the beginning of the school year. The RFP also includes trimming of brush/growth on the side of the gateway trail. RFP will be posted to the Merrimack website.

-Gateway hill repair-

Drainage work has been completed and has been checked since the last rain storm (weekend of 7/5). Drainage is working well. Bridge ramps /entrances had been completed and are holding up well. We expect that we will perform yearly maintenance to ensure drainage etc. continues to work as expected.

- New trail flagging

Discussed that a new Skyline trail will start to be flagged along with trails in section D4. There is some concern on existing "unauthorized" trails that are coming onto Grater Woods property from private property crossing where the Skyline trail is being proposed. Suggestion is for a few members of the Grater Woods sub-committee along with members of the Right Riders to go walk the area and discuss options/alternatives etc. for Skyline.

- Eagle Scout project updates.

Ben Parkers Eagle Scout project for the observation deck has been completed. Comments were shared that this is a great addition to Grater Woods. We wanted to pass along a huge thank you to Ben and his team of volunteers for adding feature to Grater Woods.

- Kiosks (how many?) (who /when)

Two Kiosks have been installed at Beebe Lane, and Conservation drive.
Currently both are empty but suggestions are as follows;

Grater woods listed at top,

Grater woods map on left

Trail usage/signage designations on the right.

Steve Desilets and Jason Wright will work on completing the Kiosk.

- Disc golf course

There are many potential areas for Disc golf within Grater Woods however; there are concerns on parking/access as Disc Golf typically has a large attendance. Disc golf will be looked at in other potential areas in town.

-GW Neighbors 'helping'

Conservation Drive neighbors have been very helpful in assisting mowing near the kiosk and trail entrance. We appreciate the help.

Meeting adjourned: 7:52 PM

Next Meeting:

Scheduling for next 6:30PM Tuesday Aug 19th