

WILDCAT FALLS SUBCOMMITTEE  
(of the Merrimack Conservation Commission)

Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2018 (DRAFT)

Committee Members Present:

- Karen LaBonte
- Andrew Duane
- Elizabeth Petrides
- Gina Rosati

**Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM in the Merrimack Memorial Conference Room.

**Public Comments:**

No public comments

**New Business:**

**A. Possible Community Activities**

A discussion of possible community engagement activities for the upcoming season was discussed.

- Elizabeth Petrides discussed a guided dog walk
- Andrew Duane suggested an “Introduce the Park” idea, possibly to be coordinated with each of the town conservation areas as a series.
- Karen LaBonte indicated that Rebecca Brenton’s sister would be interested in a repeat bird watching guided tour. The tour last year was very successful with 28 attendees.
- Gina Rosati indicated that Jen Jobin from the Merrimack Library would be interested in hosting a scavenger hunt.
- Elizabeth Petrides also indicated that a possible introduction to geocaching was discussed last year. This could include placing of a geocache in the area.

**B. Spring Trail cleanup**

Due to the heavy snow cover and extreme cold, discussion of any spring trail cleanup was deferred to the April meeting to plan. It is expected that there will be significant storm damage to repair, and the spring thaw will allow better determination of any erosion issues that will need to be addressed.

**Old Business:****A. Fall Cleanup**

The fall trail cleanup went well, it was very well attended by volunteers. Many trees and branches were cleared.

No identified trench repairs were done, these will be deferred until the spring cleanup in 2018. The subcommittee will work with Matt Caron and Gage Perry (from the MCC) and the town DPW to identify needed repair and coordinate materials and work.

**B. Area maps and notices**

Tim Tenhave has a new large map for the kiosk. Recent bad weather has delayed the installation.

Other notices (Bear Country, Dog Cleanup, etc) will be reprinted and refreshed. Andrew Duane to provide drafts for MCC approval.

A specific notice about hunting restriction will be designed, to be coordinated with the other town conservation areas for consistent wording.

**C. Graffiti**

The previously reported graffiti on a park tree has been covered and is now mostly gone.

- D.** Rebecca Brenton has left the subcommittee. The webpage will be updated to reflect this, and publicity to seek new members will be designed. The town website, and Facebook will both have announcements. Additionally, temporary notices will be placed on the kiosk and at the town library.

**Meeting Minutes:**

November 2017 draft minutes were presented. A few corrections were made, to be submitted to the town. Motion for approval was made by Liz, seconded by Karen, and approved 4-0-0.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Liz, seconded by Karen; Motion carried: 4-0-0.  
Meeting was adjourned at 7:15PM.