

**Grater Woods**  
**(Subcommittee of the Merrimack Conservation Commission)**

**Meeting minutes for Tuesday July 9, 2019**

**Merrimack Middle School outdoor classroom**

**6:30 PM**

**1. Call to order - 6:38PM**

Matt Carron, Steve Desilets, Shannon Barnes, Gage Perry, Steve Marble, Jeff LeCours, Nathaniel Fairbanks

**2. Public Comment** - Subcommittee will receive public comment on Grater Woods

Guest Mike Swisher - Commented on visiting the property. Property is well maintained.

Matt, on behalf of a town resident not present, shared that the resident has offered ~20 hours of community service to clear overgrowth on the GW trail systems. Suggestions were to trim Drilled Rock, Eagle, and Ridge trails.

**3. New Business**

- a. Stewardship plan updates** - As this meeting was outdoors suggestion was to make the Sept meeting a 2 hour meeting to perform the Stewardship plan updates including the below.

- **Map update**
- **To do list**
- **Possibility of adding completed projects to appendix**

- b. Trail updates** - Discussion on new properties being built that will have close proximity to Grater Woods. Have had some issues in GW where home owners have made their own private trails onto GW property. Discussed possibilities on how to contact new home owners to educate them of the property and trail use, and to using existing trail access points. Suggestion was that a possible letter could be created to provide to the realtor to provide to new home owners.

- Discussed that the wildlife openings (1 and 2) will need mowing and expectation is that this will be completed late fall.

- c. Trail walk - walked** to the bridge installed near the outdoor school classroom to review what may need to be completed for erosion (water bars). Visited the swamp and previous beaver dam behind outdoor class room

**4. Committee Member Comments**

N/A

**5. Approval of Minutes** - both meeting minutes will be reviewed/approved at next meeting

- Jan 29<sup>th</sup> minutes
- May 14<sup>th</sup> minutes

**6. Adjournment 7:27**