

May 24, 2016 – 6:30 PM
Community Development Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER – 6:33 PM

Members in attendance: Matt Caron, Nat Fairbanks, Steve Desilets; Steve Marble, Shannon Barnes; Jason Wright, Adam Dodge, Gage Perry,

Members excused: Steve Bachand; Joe Cogan; Tom; Jerry Durst;

Guests: Roger Blais; Carl Soderberg; Tom Lehman

PUBLIC COMMENT Subcommittee will receive public comment on Grater Woods.
N/A

**NEW
BUSINESS**

- Merrimack Chamber of commerce discussed scholarship opportunity using an off road Bicycle race. Would like to use Grater Woods for the race.
 - Timeframe would be August time frame or weekend. All proceeds go into the scholarship fund. Purpose is to raise money for students/and promotes the trails available in Merrimack.
 - Would need classes (beginner, Intermediate, expert, fat bike?). Would need waiver.
 - Services would need to be determined (waivers, online registration, race timing). Would need to map the trail for race day, sweeps, and volunteers. Would use School property for parking. Plan would be to make this an annual event.
 - Questions around the trail repairs needed after the event.
 - Would need to confirm that other user groups are aware of the race date and not using.
 - Need a route picked out by GW sub-committed and a limit for the number of racers (~200).
 - Would implement laps for the course (Beginners, maybe do one lap/experts do separate class).
 - Parking at School/bishop field.
 - Dates near end of August could conflict with MYA/school sports. (Sunday)
 - Need to communicate the race date/usage to notify that a race is occurring.
 - Needs to go to CC for next meeting June 6th.
 - Motion passed
- New property, existing issues date
- Grater Road Gates up -- 2 of the 4 gates have been installed on grater road to protect the overflowing beaver pond.
- Parks & Recreation hike (Adam, Steve) update - 12 people came to for the 5 mile hike. Weather was good for the walk and the walk terminated at the Ridge trail.
- Target shooting area update- Since posted, no new shooting has been observed, signs are still in place.
- Trail to Mountain View on the west side of GQ -- (Need to walk silver fish to view- it is in MMK- Should walk to review trail proposal.

- Update on meetings with Amherst CC. -- Amherst now allows mountain bikes on all trails with the exceptions of trails that explicitly prohibit Mountain bikes.
- Update the TO DO list". --
 - Walking the D trails. (**June 7th, 9th, 14th**)
 - Eagle trail is being signed (5/25)
 - Salamander bridge replacement (5/25)
 - Culvert pipe on link trail needs to be covered.
 - Benches at Education center need to be repaired/replaced (Eagle Scout project).
 - Approval for trail that connects to Conservation drive and Marty School Loop Bridge. Land owner is reviewing if ok to cross his property.
 - Walking trails for mapping May 31st (5:30PM Grater road lot -Amherst side). Review of silverfish, end of skyline, Tadpole, internal gates, and motorized bypass.
- Beaver Meadow/Marty to School Loop Bridge (DONE) update Stew Plan?
- Trail map - NRPC. -- CC will map all of Grater Woods.
- Educational trail layout. -- Move to next meeting.
- Bambi Lane Bridge / boardwalk -- address with bridge/boardwalk using auger implementations.
- Discussed dirt bike D2 trail to identify if this fits into the stewardship plan. Need to pick a date for the walkthrough with both the GW conservation committee and the CC committee. Should prioritize D3 first and then D2. Is scheduled to be for single track dirt bike only. Questions around if /how 4 wheelers can access from the new D trails. Much of the discussion revolved around the process for the proper building of trails where flagging needs to be completed first, then a walk through and approval, before building the trails. The process appears to not have been followed in some cases for the category D trails.
 - **Proposed dates for the walk through (June 7th, 9th, 14th) 5:30PM.**

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES

April 2016 draft minutes – Approved 4, 0 against, abstain 2,

ADJOURNMENT – 9:44 PM

Next meeting June 21st 6:30.