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Horse Hill Nature Preserve
(Subcommittee of the Merrimack Conservation Commission)
Minutes for Tuesday, November 30, 2021
Memorial Room
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER at 7pm.

Attendees Present:

Marc Gagnon, Chairperson; Eric Starr; Ellen Kolb; Christine Nazaka; Tim Adams

Attendees Absent:

Lynne Wenz

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from August 31, 2021 - Approved 4-0-1

OPEN ACTION ITEMS STATUS UPDATE / NEW ACTION ITEMS:

- Member terms have been confirmed as per the MCC meeting of 11-1. There remains 2 FT and 2 Alternate positions open. Lynn may have an interested person.
- Previously noted that a member has observed there has potentially been some new private trail making on HHNP property by an unknown party off of Farmer Road / Gault Road at the western edge of HHNP. Marc investigated, found no obvious trails. Will follow-up with Lynn for further review.
- Workday complete on 11/27. Bowman bridge repaired. Several other repairs also completed on Lastowka Pond and Watson bridges. All bridges in satisfactory condition for winter.
- Map supply has been exhausted. Christine will contact Stefanie Brinn to see about a quick re-order of the current design.
- QR code posting. Tim printed and tested QR codes, look good. Christine will prepare and laminate and post some test signs.
- Lynne has a potential contact that can make metal etched maps that could be posted at the intersections - Lynne to follow-up.
- Discussion on process to procure new repair materials, signs, etc. Ellen stated that town may have open accounts at HD, Lowe's, Reeds Ferry available for our use,. Ellen and Eric to confirm the process with the MCC and advise.
- Multiflora rose eradication- The goat service was deemed not viable. Will need to continue to



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pursue safe herbicide and/or cutting by DPW with the MCC - Eric and Ellen. Marc and Tim will plan for a potential winter cutting in February depending on the winter snow load.

- Kiosk Refreshing. Lynn to contact Marc in late September to open up and clean up notices in main kiosk on Amherst Road. UPDATE: Lynn had a new map printed, but reported the Plexiglas cover was broken. Marc will measure and plan a materials list for kiosk repair in December, if funding is made available.
- NEMBA outreach. Discussed need to re-establish dialog with the mountain bike community on increased activity and collaboration. Eric to check on contact information. Marc to also contact Pete for further information.

- **OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

Committee discussion on 2022 Goals and Priorities. The following were discussed and generally agreed as our current priorities and areas of focus (in no particular order):

- Improvements in wayfinding - including map updates and trail markings
- Establish a pro-active invasive species program
- More robust trail maintenance including bridges, boardwalks and grading.
- Improved outreach and collaboration with mountain bikers (i.e. NEMBA) and other various community trail users.

Will need to review these and confirm with the MCC, Eric / Ellen to advise on timing.

NEXT MEETING DATE set for February 22 at 7PM.

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting moved and voted to adjournment at 8:00PM