

WILDCAT FALLS SUBCOMMITTEE

(of the Merrimack Conservation Commission)

Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2016 (DRAFT)

Committee Members Present:

- Rebecca Brenton
- Andrew Duane
- Elizabeth Petrides

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM in the Memorial Conference Room.

Public Comments:

1. No public comments

New Business:

2. LoVerme foundation bench placement
 - The MCC has approved the locations for 2 ancillary benches. One to be placed along the river near the power line intersection with the Falls Loop Trail, then other to be placed further up the Falls Loop Trail near the state property boundary.
 - The design of the benches is being finalized by the foundation, and installation is tentatively planned for October 2016.

Old Business:

3. Several "unauthorized" trails had been cut in the park during the summer. These trails were discovered during a trail maintenance day on August 24th. Work was done to cover up these trails to discourage their use. A quick survey shows that no attempt has been made to reuse them since then.
4. Rebecca indicated that some of the plastic trail markers (notably the blue triangles used to mark the Falls Loop Trail) are breaking. This is suspected to be a combination of the cold winter weather and installation too tightly. Markers will be replaced as needed; Andrew has a supply of extra markers in both colors.
5. The model and type of large kiosk-mounted dog waste bag dispenser has been identified at a local merchant and agreed upon by the committee members. A price is being obtained for the dispenser, refills, and a small number of smaller plastic dispensers for within the park.

- One post-mounted locking dispenser will be attached to the entry kiosk.
- Small inexpensive plastic dispensers may be located throughout the park. A trial of one such dispenser to be attached to the intersection 1 marker post will be carried out over winter.

6. No other maintenance items were found to be needed at the park.

Meeting Minutes:

The June 28, 2016 meeting minutes were unanimously approved by the committee.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Elizabeth; Seconded by Andrew; Motion carried: 3-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:55.