

Horse Hill Nature Preserve

Meeting Minutes: September 30, 2019

In attendance: Peter Mikolajczuk, Cindy Glenn, Tim Adams, Lynne Wenz, Don Laliberte, Rose Shajenko and Michael Swisher.

1. Peter M. called the meeting to order at 6:30.
2. Don L. passed out Forest Services document with File Code: 2300; 2350; 7700 with subject Electric Bikes and Trail Management dated March 24, 2016. Committee read (OPDMD) Other Power Driven Mobility Devices document. E-bikes are not allowed at HHNP. No motorized vehicles are allowed on town property. Therefore Don L. would like the issue of (OPDMD) brought up at the next Merrimack Conservation Commission meeting. And for our new Ex-Officio Michael S. to read on page 2 the paragraph: Other Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD).
3. Don L. asked the committee "How to lesson damage to bridges and trails by users?" It is believed that horses have damaged blanks on bridges. HHNP subcommittee does not have anyone on it that represents the horse community. Discussed adding more signage stating bridges may not be able to handle weight. Our bridges are in the ten or more year range. Plan is to do redecking of bridges.
4. Don L. wanted to know about the lining of Amherst Road parking lot. DOT determined that the lining would be done and it came out of DOT budget.
5. Don L. wanted to know what our overnight use of campers in Horse Hill parking lot is. Don L. and Lynne W. have seen a trailer parked overnight. Six properties of Merrimack Conservation Committee have a half hour sunset policy. HHNP is a preserve not a park therefore we are open 24/7 but with no camping!
6. Approval of 07/29/2019 amended meeting minutes was unanimously approved after a motion brought by Tim A. and Peter M.
7. Comments:
 - a. Lynne W. wants "Comments" to be put on all agendas as a line item.
 - b. Lynne W. mentioned that beaver dams are exposed in HHNP because of lower water levels.
 - c. Don L. wanted to know if our annual report has been given to MCC. Per Cindy not as of yet.
 - d. Don L. wanted to know if fishing is allowed at HHNP. It is not listed on any signage as an approved activity. No fishing allowed.
 - e. Tim A. stated that hunting season has begun. It is now compound bow season.
 - f. Tim A. showed a picture from his phone of a close line up on Blodgett Hill. Since this would be liter, Tim was told that he could take it down.
 - g. Rose S. attended the July 29, 2019, S & W sports pivot MTB demo day at HHNP which she stated was very orderly.
 - h. Peter M. would like to pick a date to walk the property to make notes on what each bridge needs for repairs.
 - i. Michael S. was introduced to the committee as the new Ex-Officio for the HHNP subcommittee. He is grew up in Merrimack and used to walk our preserve before the town purchased the property.

- j. Peter M. thanked Cindy G. for all her hard work on our committee.
- k. Cindy G. said she enjoyed working with us.
- 8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 by a unanimous vote of the sub-committee after a motion by Tim A. and Michael S., Good Night!