**North Yarmouth Parks & Rec**

April 5, 2017

In attendance: Scott Kerr, Anne Lang, Ken Filliter, Bryan Emerson, Jim Faunce, Alex Carr

1. Committee changes
	1. Bryan Emerson has officially filed paperwork to join the committee
		1. Ken nominates Bryan to join as 5th member
		2. Scott 2nds, unanimous passage
		3. Ken to bring Bryan’s paperwork to Rosemary
	2. Ken to take over as chair early – Brian has stepped down
2. March minutes forthcoming from Anne
3. Bike racks are in from Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System (PACTS)
	1. Ken to ask Clark Baston to assemble to determine how many there are (2-3)
		1. PACTS requires these to go on public property
			1. Town Hall
			2. OTHP
			3. NYMS
	2. There is also the 8’ freestanding one at NYMS which we could put on private property
		1. Stone’s
		2. Toot’s
4. Other
	1. Ball fields – are they ours?
		1. No, town hall ones are covered by local lacrosse organization and NYMS field is operated by Little League
		2. We need to get MOUs with these organizations re: maintenance
5. Parks Update
	1. Parks are in varied shape
		1. Old Town House Park is okay
			1. There is a messy spot where a part juts into the woods past the stone bench
				1. Does Public Works have a chipper?

Ken to find out

* + 1. Sam Ristich – no word
			1. If Pineland/Bradbury corridor by weather station is any indication, Sam Ristich is probably in need of a cleanup
		2. Chandler Brook
			1. Have not visited super recently, but kind of messy with branches down and erosion along high bank
	1. Clean up day
		1. Community, us, Public Works combination
			1. Public Works to report back to Ken on damages
		2. Darla Hamlin said the Cumberland/North Yarmouth Lions Club is looking for volunteer opportunities
1. Tri-NY
	1. Ads are up on the Family Network for the kids’ TRI at the school on 6/17
	2. After 7 years, Jim is looking to move away from this event what with a competing similar event the same weekend
		1. Scott moves we don’t do the TRI this year, Anne 2nds, unanimous
2. Goals
	1. Sign/map at Chandler Brook
		1. Blow up, print & laminate Cindy Guernsey map of Chandler Brook; make 8.5 x 11s available at kiosks OR standardize RRCT maps
			1. Anne to ask Alan Stearns about maps
		2. Chandler Brook on [www.mainetrailfinder.com](http://www.mainetrailfinder.com)
	2. Other invasive plants to address
		1. Need to be inventoried and addressed
			1. Poison ivy at OTHP
		2. Bryan has done this for RRCT and Yarmouth
		3. OTHP knotweed was addressed with a backpack sprayer and cutting
			1. Could use another hit to finish it this season
	3. Tobacco-free policy
		1. Unclear as to whether this should be addressed through the existing tobacco-free resolution or through an amended Parks Ordinance
			1. For parks ordinance, need to work on this in winter and get in front of Select Board in February/March of 2018
	4. Build a kitty for future land acquisition or to move quickly on easements
	5. More frequent, lower-key events in parks
		1. Passport program
		2. Weekend/weeknight “rain or shine” club to get people/young families out
			1. Bryan knows wildlife guys that could volunteer to point out birds/plants/etc.
	6. Browntail moth awareness
		1. Post info on park kiosks
			1. Jim to research on Maine CDC and Maine Co-op Extension websites
	7. Rerouting Sam Ristich trail
		1. Determined by Westcustogo rebuild
	8. Connectivity
		1. Alan Stearns, Brian Sites, and Rosemary all met
			1. Alan proposed linking to other towns’ properties, such as Pratt’s Brook in Yarmouth
		2. Maps are critical (Ryan?)
		3. Town GIS project will be rolling out soon
			1. Our committee will have overlay capabilities for green spaces, etc
		4. Connect Knight’s Pond to Village Center
		5. Best options
			1. Scott: Sligo Rd ext -> 231 bike trail via paper street
			2. Anne/Ken: Skyline Farm -> Water district -> Town Forest or Oak Hill/RR bed