North Yarmouth Parks & Recreation Committee

August 31, 2017, 7 pm, NYMS

Members Present: Ken Filliter, Bryan Emerson, Scott Kerr, Jim Faunce, Anne Lang

1. Events
	1. Royal River Conservation Trust
		1. September 30th thru October: Discover the Royal River
			1. In conjunction with NY Historical Society, Yarmouth, New Gloucester and Durham
				1. Send 16 selfies to info@rrct.org
		2. Alan wants some time on our October agenda
			1. There is a new spot on the river in New Gloucester and maybe in Gray
	2. Kite Festival
		1. Steve Palmer currently on vacation – no new info
		2. Our committee to volunteer Saturday, October 7th
			1. Ken to communicate grunt work obligations once he receives from Steve
2. October meeting
	1. 1st Monday doesn’t work
	2. New date of Thursday, October 12th
3. July minutes approved
4. Trees
	1. Westcustogo Park has 6 new trees to replace others that were removed due to obscuring a drainage ditch
		1. Ken will forward communication about trees to Clark
			1. Clark needs instruction on proper care/maintenance of new trees
5. Trail Maps
	1. Cindy Guernsey almost done with new Chandler Brook map and working on Old Town House Park one
		1. OTHP
			1. Former ravine trail at OTHP washed out a while ago
				1. Will be marked at own risk
			2. OTHP boat launch at Rt 9
				1. Whose ROW is the connector trail?
				2. Private adjacent landowners’

Ken to track down agreement, if any

* + - 1. Ken wants to put new trail info up there, info about birdboxes
	1. ~33”x 33” plastic maps are ~$134 apiece and would do best with a Plexiglass cover
		1. Town GIS has useful features (i.e. contours)
	2. Scott to pursue local snowmobile clubs’ maps
		1. Royal River Snowmobile Club covers N and E of 115 and Pownal
		2. Moonlite Sno-Skimmers cover Cumberland and S and W of 115
1. Sam Ristich trail
	1. Clark cleaned this up recently
2. Plant life
	1. Ken cleaned up some more knotweed in OTHP– seems to be in pretty good shape now
		1. Wild grapes are taking over instead (good)
	2. Option for planting edibles?
		1. May not be a great idea with unleashed dogs
	3. Bryan to double check other OTHP invasives (poison ivy, bittersweet, etc.)
		1. Best timing for honeysuckle removal (and others) is before leaves drop
			1. Try to coordinate a work day w/RRCT?
			2. Make it an event with a bonfire result?
		2. When is best time to remove poison ivy?
			1. Bryan to check and will be able to get the backpack sprayer from work
				1. Ken to doublecheck this info from Rosemary
		3. Need to inventory what invasives are out there and impeding ecology/recreation
			1. European alders (non-native) also in OTHP
		4. IMAP invasives is website for inventorying invasives
	4. Posting signs for poison ivy (caution/education)
		1. High amounts of it in OTHP before and after bench on river trail
			1. Ken will check this out
3. Town Forest
	1. Was actually under our jurisdiction all along!
	2. Ken & Scott have walked it and seen the GIS
		1. Ryan Keith can generate the contouring lines
	3. Scott to contact Gerry Whiting for a walk thru of property & next steps
		1. If forest gets thinned out, what happens to remaining trees?
			1. Too skinny to support themselves for a high wind situation
		2. Start to clear area for a trail?
			1. Can be made useable by skitters
		3. Parking area
		4. Dog walking area
		5. Carl Davis – chipper job – put out to bid?
	4. Connectivity next steps
		1. With the GIS contours, Ken & Scott to flag out trail & parking area
			1. Bush hog area near monument viewable from road
			2. Dump gravel
			3. Ken to ask Clark to clear this area
4. Next meeting
	1. Thursday, October 12, 7 pm
		1. Ken to invite Alan, Clark, and Ed M (snowmobile contact)
	2. Once the town charter is changed next spring, this committee will be 7 instead of 5 seats – consider recruiting