North Yarmouth Parks & Rec

December 6, 2017, 7 pm, Town Office

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

Guests: Shelly Harkins, resident; Paul Larrivee, Sappi Fine Paper; Gerry Whiting, resident and forester

1. Forest Plan
   1. Selectboard approval for forest plan
      1. Oak Hill piece needs attention for recreation if harvest is done properly
         1. Stump income available for reinvestment/rec opportunities
      2. Neighbors need to be notified in writing in advance of the harvest
         1. Paul typically offers walk thrus pre, during, and post harvest
   2. Forests have originated post agriculture in Southern Maine
      * 1. Trying to revert to pre-agrarian forests
           1. Focus on longer-lived species and our influences on it
           2. Keep multi-age trees structures/classes
           3. Consider threats

White pine needle fungus

Insects

* + - 1. All rec opportunities (i.e. Sam Ristich) should remain open during harvesting
      2. Biggest concern is to address storm damage before wood becomes unsalvageable
      3. Need a plan for invasives, especially since the storm opened up the canopy
  1. Harvesting
     1. Paul has generic pre-harvest paperwork as forester and agent
     2. Yard # & paperword # needed for every load taken
     3. Todd Seavey (sp?) has equipment (non skidder) to cut to length (vs whole tree) for 12’ trails
     4. Putting a whole tree operation out there would not work because of our soils and limited weather window
        1. Resulting trail would be wider - ~25’
     5. All independent contractors that Paul/Sappi hires have their own workers comp
     6. Subcontracts
        1. One would be between the Town/us and Sappi/Paul
           1. Sappi can process all the wood, including pulp (or we can chip/burn it)
        2. Another would be between Sappi/Paul and Todd Seavey
     7. Revenue will go to Parks & Rec reserve
     8. Trails created by harvesting can be used (some) as permanent trails
        1. Seek Paul’s recommendation for best trail placement
           1. Ideally single track, non-motorized, covered with mulch from ground brush chipping
        2. Recruit New England Mountain Bike Association (NEMBA) members for stewardship and trail layout
           1. Stump revenue to lead to hardening of trails

Hemlock planks a la West Side Trail on Cousin’s Island

* 1. Suggestions from Gerry
     1. Establish Hayes Town Forest as state Tree Farm
        1. 3rd party certification re: sustainably managing our woodlot
        2. Needs an active forest management plan with certain criteria
     2. Apply for a Maine Forest Service Project Canopy grant
        1. Contact Jan Santerre 287.4987
        2. Money to do full forest planning can lead to eligibility for other money for recreation opportunities and invasives management
           1. Paul can do our forest management plan

Paul to prepare final paper package for Scott

P&R to figure out abutter notification process

Tie in goals of our committee with harvest process and greater management plan

Provide Paul with any boundary maps (not tax map) so he can flag the area before the letter goes out

* + - * 1. Other town properties can be examined in planning phase with grant money later
    1. Potential for Parks & Rec subcommittees
       1. Mtn Bike
       2. Dog
       3. Pedestrian/bike

1. Budget
   1. $4,500 of $9,600 discretionary budget has been spent to date
   2. Proposed other amount is as follows:
      1. Signs and plexiglass for OTHP right of way - $350
      2. More birdhouses - $100
      3. Invasives Mitigation - $1500
      4. Arborist - $1,000
      5. Trees - $1,000
         1. 4-5 of the kind we put in at Westcustogo
      6. Ecology consultant - $375
         1. Wildlife habitat enhancement
      7. Miscellaneous - $175
         1. Picnic tables
   3. Additionally, there is about $26,000 in our reserve and stump income from the thinning of the Town Forest should generate between 5 and $10,000
2. Chandler Brook update
   1. Shelly Harkins intro
      1. Shelly is a resident who lives near and visits Chandler Brook Park regularly
      2. Shelly has volunteered to be our official park steward
   2. New map
   3. Work update
      1. Might need puncheons to cover boggy area
      2. Blown down trees need to be addressed by more than Clark & a chainsaw
   4. Chandler Brook is co-owned/managed by Royal River Conservation Trust
      1. Kyle Warren reports on it
      2. Communicate this to be part of forestry mgmt. plan
3. 100 year plan
   1. Remove from our website and put up Ken’s strategic plan instead
4. Full moon Snowshoe event
   1. Wednesday January 31st at OTHP
   2. Moonrise at 6:12 pm, so tentative start time of 6:30?
   3. Ken to negotiate fire permit
   4. Bryan & Jim to bring little fire pits for smores
   5. Anne to communicate other needs and promo info to Living Well & Events committees
      1. Needs
         1. Promotion
         2. Coffee urns
         3. Marshmallows
         4. Napkins/paper towels
         5. Smore pit wood
         6. Sticks for smores