North Yarmouth Parks & Rec

2/13/18

Present: Ken Filliter, Shelly Harkins, Bryan Emerson, Jim Faunce, Anne Lang

1. January minutes
   1. Bryan moves to accept January minutes as submitted
   2. Anne seconds
   3. Unanimous acceptance
2. Ken’s update
   1. Ken bought 4 more bluebird birdhouses
      1. Derek & Jeanette @ Wild Bird Ctr suggested placement at OTHP is not optimal
   2. Debbie Grover & Donna Palmer make changes to website but not super navigable
      1. Anne to add maps to FB page
   3. Old Town House easement
      1. Rosemary still on lawyers about this
   4. Budget proposal
      1. Trees at Old Town House entrance
      2. Ken to pursue picnic tables/Adirondack chairs
      3. Bryan’s herbicide license is not yet transferred to his new job at the Nature Conservancy
   5. Steve Harris to do accessibility audit/survey of parks
      1. Parts of parks could be more accessible like Twin Brooks or hardpacked West Falmouth park
         1. Maybe upper Westcustogo?
   6. Katie Murphy of NYHS drafted geologic/historic posters to be posted at the park kiosk
   7. Ken’s term expires at the end of June & will be moving
      1. Need new chair
3. Forest Plan
   1. Thinning is going to be happening
   2. Ken & Scott have visited and will again Thursday with feedback from Sappi
      1. Huge open areas will sprout other growth (invasives)
         1. What to do with these?
            1. Ken & Scott to address with Sappi – will take suggestions
4. Full Moon Snowshoe Event recap
   1. Well attended
   2. Sledding hill could have had better use
      1. Maybe move fire over there next time?
   3. Potential for end of March blue moon event?
      1. May need to call it close to the even – watch weather
5. Chandler Brook
   1. Spring work day could be spring event
   2. Ken to contact Greely students needing community service hours to:
      1. Remove barbed wire
      2. Clean up blowdowns [this needs professional attention] near trail & in woods
      3. Cut invasives and have licensed herbicide
      4. Make far river trail 3-4 season (control overgrowth)
         1. Potential Scout project
   3. Clark has been plowing
      1. Good for x-c skiers & snowshoers
   4. Shelly to call Ken Fowler (tree guy) to check out blowdown situations
      1. Alternate could be McFadden out of New Gloucester
      2. Either could check out OTH woods loop blowdowns
6. Tobacco Ordinance
   1. Currently, there is a stand alone tobacco-free resolution and a more comprehensive parks ordinance
      1. Anne proposes to incorporate new tobacco-free language into existing parks ordinance
   2. Anne to draft & send language
      1. Once passed, will qualify for free sturdy signage
         1. Rosemary offered to streamline signage, but no word
   3. Need to determine next steps
7. Wildlife Consultant
   1. OTH & CB – Alan recommended $350 person – Deb Perkins to actively manage
      1. Anne moves that Ken contact her; Jim 2nds, unanimous