North Yarmouth Parks & Recreation Committee

June 7, 2017

Members Present: Ken Filliter, Scott Kerr, Bryan Emerson

Guests: Alan Stearns (RRCT)

1. Old Town House Boardwalk
   1. 8 rotten boards, replaced by Ken = DONE
2. Bird Houses
   1. 2 big ones (Flicker or Kestrel), best on solitary trees – proposed for Chandler Brook
   2. 4 small ones (bluebirds) – proposed 2 at Wescustogo and 2 at OTHP
   3. Voted and approved (unanimous)
3. Town’s mapping software
   1. Software has LIDAR with 2’ contours, floodplains, town-owned lands, easement areas, trails, etc.
   2. Should be able to use to identify where to put trails
   3. Scott and Ken will be sitting down with Ryan Keith to get a tutorial
4. Invasives and Greely student project
   1. Bryan and Ken met with 2 Greely students (Rebecca and Liz) at the knotweed stand at OTHP.
   2. Students were going to cut down the dead stalks, pull out any new seedlings of knotweed, and perhaps lay out a trail and spread some seed
5. Maps
   1. Cindy has new, small maps for Chandler Brook and is making a big one
   2. We have a new large map for Sam Ristich
   3. RRCT provided a map holder which will go to Chandler Brook
   4. Extra trail maps are in boxes at Town Hall
   5. Committee agreed that signage needs to be updated at Sam Ristich
6. RRCT Update (Alan Stearns)
   1. Alan wants to get more maps online, and make them consistent
   2. They are doing more real estate work
      1. Durham – Runaround Pond
      2. Smith Property (Knight’s Pond to Village Center
   3. Discussion of village center zoning
   4. Alan offered to help as the Town looks to acquire land, build trails, etc.
7. Park Cleanup
   1. Bryan asked who has done this in the past – no one knows
   2. Alan suggested that if public works can’t do it, we can hire a contractor
   3. Ken asked if we should add budget for park cleanup? Either for Clark or for a contractor
   4. Generally the committee wanted to know what we have authority to do
8. Kite festival
   1. Scheduled for the end of September, either at Wescustogo or OTHP
9. Tree planting
   1. Ken got a quote from Hort Resource for 7 ball & burlap trees, cost = $2,430
   2. **Ken would talk to Clark about planting**
   3. **Ken would talk to Hort about planting cost**
   4. Alan suggested that we get Clark interested in watering the plants
10. Bike racks
    1. Scott and Ken assembled 6 and placed them around town
       1. Town Hall, Gazebo, Little League park, OTHP, school entrance, Stones
       2. Clark moved one in front of Stones at request of Stones
          1. Should swamp one of the old ones for Stones since the new blue ones are supposed to be on town property
    2. Scott has 4 lollipop bike racks in his garage
       1. Suggested trading these in for 1 of the 4-hoop blue ones
11. Signs and Sponsors
    1. Sponsors were supposed to be on the signs for one year
    2. **Scott to ask Brian Sites about what the deal was for the sponsors**
       1. Do they have to pay to re-up?
       2. Should we be looking for other sponsors?
12. Invasives
    1. Ken and Bryan are going to walk the parks at some point to inventory invasive species and determine priorities for treatment
13. Other
    1. **Scott suggested he would look into costs for picnic tables for parks**