

North Yarmouth Parks & Rec
7.2.19, 7pm

Present: Bryan Emerson, Anne Lang, Shelly Harkins, Bob Abbott
Guests: Rob Wood

- I. Call to order - 7 pm
- II. Bob Abbott officially appointed to Parks & Rec committee
- III. Minutes approved
 - motion by Anne, Bryan 2nd, unanimous
 - where are the missing minutes?
 - a. Bryan to find May minutes & send to Shelly
 - b. Shelly to send all completed, approved minutes to Cheryl @ town hall
- IV. Knight's Pond
 - Cumberland side is nice - Shelly shared pictures
 - 2 mile loop with all being traversable except last flowing wet piece in North Yarmouth
 - 2 dams
 - against covenant to weed wack trail?
 - a. may depend on acquisition easements
 - unfinished section is flagged but buggy
 - traversing wetlands is holding us back
 - NY (town) needs letter from attorney accepting Smith parcel
 - then need consultant to survey & lay out the new trail, permitting process, wetland navigation
 - a. can use reserve \$ if we have to pay for it
 - b. permit process can take 1-2 mos.
 - Bryan, Shelly & Bob, maybe Anne to walk it
 - Joint Standing Committee should be engaged
 - Bob already on Cumb/Cheb Land Trust & Friends of Prince Memorial Library board
 - Bryan to connect Bob & Rosemary re: JSC info.
 - Alan Stearns' recommendation is aluminum bridge for 50' span (elevated with pilings?)
 - a. maybe aluminum with wood top to bear heavier weights?
 - b. ADA compliance?
- V. Poison Ivy at Old Town House Park
 - Done
 - Invoice completed & sent by 6/30

- VI. New Picnic Table
 - installed & anchored at Baston Park
 - \$275 for wheel-less table from George
- VII. Current Budget
 - \$500 & “committee expenses” available for FY20
 - also have reserve funds
- VIII. Invasive Species Control Planning
 - focus on OTHP
 - Bryan spoke to someone at state who suggested completing an inventory of what we have for invasive planning
 - Bryan can do that or hire someone or volunteers
 - things to consider:
 - a. honeysuckle
 - b. bittersweet
 - c. European alder (probably planted)
 - d. poison ivy
 - e. Japanese knotweed
 - Bryan to find a time to walk OTHP with others available
 - 1 to 3 treatments this year & more in year 2
- IX. Round Robin
 - at what point do we become involved for ROW in new development - Knight’s Pond?
 - a. when it goes before planning board?
 - public parking at top of drive
- X. August meeting
 - 7 pm, Shelly’s house - White Birch Farm
 - Tuesday, August 6