

## North Yarmouth Parks & Rec

8.2.18, 7 pm

**Present:** Scott Kerr, Shelly Harkins, Bryan Emerson, Anne Lang

- I. July minutes
  - a. Approved unanimously
- II. Membership
  - a. Jim Faunce has stepped down
    - i. Need to recruit a 5<sup>th</sup> member
    - ii. Potential with next town meeting to expand to 7 member committee
  - b. Recruiting
    - i. Scott to ask Gerry Whiting
    - ii. Shelly to ask Heidi Alpern
  - c. Anne to ask kids' friends' parents
- III. Invasive Species Corraling
  - a. Bryan could hold an additional license, but would need to be a town employee for insurance/liability coverage
  - b. None of Public Works crew wants to be licensed
  - c. Best to hire out/contract the work to outside entity
    - i. Bryan to contact Rosemary on next steps
    - ii. Should cost ~\$900-\$1,000 for everything at 1 park for 1 day
  - d. Public Works has extra spots identified to address
    - i. Potential to add on for economy of scale
  - e. Need to get volunteers to cut and haul while licensed person sprays
    - i. Bryan to estimate work needed & will research which companies could do it
      - 1. We'll probably want a workday
        - a. Maybe have Public Works & contractor do a Friday cut and spray, then follow up hauling on weekend by volunteers
          - i. Would need 3-4 cutters/spray
          - ii. Other people can spray (volunteers) as long as there is a lead, licensed person
- IV. 2018 Kite Day
  - a. Saturday, October 6, 2018, 11-4 pm at Old Town House Park
  - b. Steve Palmer has given other town committees the option to be food/drink vendors at the event as a fundraiser
- V. OTHP Walk with Steve Palmer & Clark
  - a. Bryan went and there was talk of cutting down trees for the Kite Day event or to clear sledding hill
    - i. P&R would prefer if cutting was for the good of the forest, or for more than a one day event reason
      - 1. Does Living Well committee have a budget for this to split costs?

- 2. P&R to ask Paul Larrivee for recommendations
  - ii. Public Works wants to extend OTHP parking lot with the idea that this will spur use
    - 1. Bryan to reach out to Peter Bingham re: teams/rec interest in use before we pursue parking extension
      - a. P&R generally not in favor of this
  - iii. The Old Town House is going to be moved off the lot at some point
    - 1. Potentially could move another picnic table into that shady area out front
- VI. Town Forest Trail
  - a. Ken didn't finish trail mark up
    - i. Paul L can assist
  - b. Need work done to stump grind and make trail with wood chips
    - i. Start with Public Works to grind what they can, and then hire in an outside contractor to do the rest
  - c. Trail Connectivity
    - i. Scott to pursue trail extension opportunity onto Finest Kind land for sale abutting Rt 9
      - 1. Pursue potential for easement before development begins
    - ii. Help from Bicycle Coalition of Maine
      - 1. Check with PACTS re: Portland North Plan
      - 2. Interest in connectivity via sidewalks or trails
        - a. Rt 115 in either direction
- VII. Clark phones in
  - a. Purchasing a chipper/shredder
    - i. Can P&R and PW split costs?
    - ii. His crew can help with a workday
- VIII. Comprehensive Plan
  - a. Chris Cabot requested a trail layer of mapping
    - i. Should be on town website
  - b. Confirm if Cindy Guernsey of Guernsey Graphics made the trail brochures
  - c. Prioritization of property acquisiting
    - i. Anything to connect major parks
    - ii. Anything to ensure river access
- IX. Next meeting date
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> Weds of month should work for people, just not September
  - b. New date for next meeting is 9.19

Adjourn 8:30