

North Yarmouth Parks & Rec

11.7.18, 7 pm

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

- I. Call to order 7:08 pm
- II. Parks & Rec Business
 - a. Oak Hill Rd/Forest Cutting
 - i. Has kind of been too wet to do much
 - ii. Lots of blowdowns still
 - iii. History of forest is monoculture with no management plan or maintenance
 - 1. Non-pines are weak with rot
 - 2. Paul Larrivee can conduct borings to determine forest strength – just waiting to dry out to finish cleaning up
 - a. Paul has been to Chandler Brook too
 - b. Mtn Bike Trails – Town Forest
 - i. Jim Tasse of Bicycle Coalition of Maine and Scott walked the smaller 22 acre parcel and assessed/laid out some solid mtn bike trails
 - 1. Fun features include
 - a. parallel walls drilled out of granite
 - b. potential to connect to old railroad bed northeast to Rt 231
 - i. Legasse property could provide this connectivity
 - c. Sam Ristich trail could extend the “Eleanor Jr” trail
 - i. Parking could be at Public Works or Oak Hill
 - 2. This trail area is entirely usable without cutting
 - ii. No trail work will be done until the forests are cleaned up
 - 1. Trail running/mtn biking could coexist for multi use
 - 2. Big forest (Eleanor Sr) could connect into Water District land/Finest Kind trail to form a network
 - iii. Trails will be revisited in spring once cleanup/weather is not an issue
 - c. Westcustogo Invasives
 - i. Honeysuckle removal happened in October for 3-4 hrs
 - 1. Clark, 4 PWD crew cut while Bryan & Stantec guy cut & sprayed
 - a. Still a lot left, but some has been cleaned up
 - ii. Clark saw potential in having one of his crew licensed to spray
 - iii. “Wanted” poster for invasives at kiosks
 - d. Chandler Brook trail clearing with Boy Scouts
 - i. Bryan & scouts cleared southbrook (far) trail
 - ii. Anne to post before/after photos on P&R facebook page once Bryan sends photos
 - iii. Eagle Scout potential in town forest
 - 1. Trail layout, bridges

- e. Bike/Ped Connectivity
 - i. Rt 9 shoulders to be widened – info provided by Angela King of BCM
- f. Contact info
 - i. New email address: northyamrouthparksandrec@gmail.com
 - 1. PW: parks&rec
 - 2. Good for mass mailings, fielding request for those not on FB
- g. Winter activity
 - i. Full Moon Event (snowshoe/ski/sled)
 - 1. Potential dates: 1/21, 2/19 (school vaca week)
 - ii. Bryan to reach out to RRCT re: Sun 1/20 at OTHP
 - iii. Anne to reach out to Steve Palmer