

**North Yarmouth Parks and Recreation Committee**  
**January 4th, 2023      at      6:00 PM      at the Wescustogo Community**  
**Center**

**Approved minutes**

**I - Called to Order 6:06 PM**

**Present:** Scott Kerr, Laurie Gilman, Bob Abbott, Steve Palmer, Kim, Merrill,

**In attendance:** Select Board Liaison, Andrea Berry, Guest Marty Kramer

**II – Announcements.** No announcements at this time

**III - Approval of Minutes.** Minutes for October submitted by Bob Abbott were approved.

November's meetings not available.

**IV - Financial Report.** Format of info provided to P&R. No financial report at this time

**V – Public Comment - none**

**VI - New Business - none**

**VII - Old Business and Updates**

**Developing an annual and multi-year calendar** — Scott reached out to the Town Manager Diane along with Clark Baston regarding how Public Works and the Town set up their calendars, but has received no response.

**Parks Ordinance Update.** — No update at this time, however *Laurie Gilman will continue looking for ways to update the current ordinances*

Highlights

**Baston Park** dredging, permitting etc. update and future direction.

Andrea Berry reported: The Army Corp of Engineers is working on tracking the river, that will map the depth, etc of the river. It is possible that the report will be completed by mid-January for possible review at our Feb meeting.

Notices for kiosks, website and Facebook page about reporting damage and dangers including posting of messages, notices etc. on kiosks. No report at this time

## **Chandler Brook**

Steve reported that both the North and South fields of Chandler Brook are in need liming and fertilizing this year. Lower South does not need as much lime, but the upper section does. If we are going to cut hay we will need to fertilize the whole field. Whether or not we want quality hay for feed, if so what would this cost and when would we start this process. Also, who would hay the fields. Steve contacted Maeve at Ag Allies but she has been extremely busy and is no longer associated with them. Laurie will reach out to Ag Allies since Maeve has parted ways.

*Steve will consult with local farmers to see who would be interested in haying our park's fields.*

*Scott will check the easement to see if Parks is required to hay or the town.*

North Field. Shrubland Habitat plan. Field and habitat maintenance. This field has been mowed. We are waiting on meeting w/the SB on the cutting of the selected white pines to be removed

New trail northwest of trail past barn to North Field - everyone agreed that this new additional trail has been a wonderful addition to CB.

Recreation Management Plan – no action

South Field. Signs for next year

Maintain Trail by brook (2 season trail)– question raised again about having it mowed by PW but no action

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## **Old Town House Park**

Andrea and her Wild Seeds Project would like her team to go look at OTH park and suggest what areas native plants would be most appropriate for

growing. One area would be where the OTHP use to be. She will write up something to present at our next meeting in Feb.

***Steve** is going to reach out to Jason Lily regarding the erosion of the OTH and CB in areas around the river. Laurie will continue working on our website for people to report any problems seen at our parks.*

**OTHP** - Invasives Proposal, contract and work — This committee needs to find out from the Town Manager what work has been done and where the work was done. Andrea will contact the town manager to verify this information. We did have money in our budget for invasive work. Steve suggested that the committee chairman needs to be included in the discussion and not have the responsibility fall on the Town Manager. **Andrea** will also spw/the Town Manager regarding this.

Poison Ivy —**Scott** will talk with Paul Landry regarding this and that *this should also be apart of our budget going forward.*

Old Town House site landscaping—We've received responses, most were about a sitting park/playground. The parks committee did not feel this would be the safest idea as it is so close to the road, but we should work with Seeds Project to create a garden of natural flowers.

**Wescustogo** – PWD sludge spreading, sign, postings. —*SB decided not to post about the sludge spreading and the SB felt that if we did post it could deter people form coming to the park. Andrea spw/Town Manager regarding posting and the Town Manager's response was that it is on the 3rd tier and that the state was not concerned of any risks to the public.*

**Sam Ristich Trail** - Story Walk, Natural History and Trail education.

Survey no reports

Trails and obstructions

**Knight's Pond** – Update Bob met w/Land and Conservation Committee who are responsible for the Cumberland portion of Knight's Pond. He presented the ideas for the two areas in NY that this is a joint concern. Bob reported this was a very good meeting. He gave his thoughts on creating an area with

benches for sitting to view the pond. That there is an area where a board walk is needed for one of the sections of the wetlands.

## **ALL PARKS -**

### Hunting Signs - remove

Invasives: Work plan with Paul Larrivee, Clark Baston and Eric Grove

**Scott** asked the Fire Chief if he would be interested in mapping out the trails of each Park to help locate any injured person. The chiefs response was he had to wait for the town manager.

Dog waste, bags and receptacles – **no action**

Metal detector prospecting. **Andrea** made an announcement at a recent SB meeting that would prohibit any digging at any of our Parks, as it is a destruction of our Parks.

Bird House Monitoring and maintenance. Volunteers. **Laurie** will *see if there are volunteers to check and clean the park's bird boxes.*

Trail Management. We need to continue to keep the trails level and clean of roots, etc.

Land Survey - *EHTF survey* will be shared by **Scott**

VIII - **Round Robbin**- none

IX - **Next Meeting**: *Wednesday, 6 P.M., February 1st, 2023*

X - Future Agenda Items - Next Meeting and Subsequent meetings

XI – **Adjournment**. Motion and seconded, to adjourn at the meeting at 8:03.

*Submitted by Kim Merrill*