

**North Yarmouth Parks & Recreation Committing**  
**June 2, 2021**  
**5:45 pm, Westcustogo Hall & Community Ctr**

**Present:** Bob Abbott (chair), Ted Danforth, Steve Palmer, Anne Lang, Scott Kerr

**Town Staff:** Draven Walker

**Guests:** Adam Pereira, Royal River Conservation Trust (via Zoom)

- I. Call to order - 5:48 pm
- II. Previous minutes approval
  - A. Unanimous approval of May minutes
- III. New business
  - A. North Yarmouth Parcel Data - Adam
    1. Adam sent out a North Yarmouth map last month with data culled of all lands town-owned, conservation, protected, etc to inform conversations with RRCT
      - a) He asks that we review and look for missing/incorrect data
      - b) In July or Aug, RRCT wants to have a dedicated 2 hr workshop for shared vision, tangible projects, connectivity, etc
        - (1) Would be separate from regular P&R mtng
  - B. Yarmouth Water District recreation opportunities - Adam
    1. Adam spoke to Eric Gagnon, Supt of Yarmouth Water District
      - a) Eric is thrilled/supportive of recreational opportunities on YWD lands
        - (1) Would like to start on parcel adjacent to Town Forest for trails, etc.
          - (a) Continue what has been done at Chandler Brook, etc in terms of good signage, education opportunities
          - (b) Town to take the lead on this with RRCT to help
            - (i) Potential funding - Town TIF monies, YWD, Skyline, land trust?
        - (2) Additional opportunities at Sweetser road gravel pits
          - (a) They are still smoothing out some slopes - negligible timeline
          - (b) A pumptrack is not supported by neighbors due to parking, etc
            - (i) The distinction was clarified that this was for non-motorized bikes only

- (ii) Cars aren't allowed to park on YWD land - maybe Skyline Farm as a neighbor?

- b) Bob motioned that NY P&R accept RRCT's invitation for a visioning workshop

- (1) Anne 2nds, all in favor except Scott

#### C. Invasives Grants - Scott

- 1. Paul Larrivee submitted the application for the state grant to attack invasives to Debbie at the Town Office in time after having attended the course offered by the state

- a) The grant has 2 distinct timelines

- (1) Planning process period

- (2) Action period

- b) Paul asked for 2 requests

- (1) 1 for the parks

- (2) 1 for the Town Forest

- c) Would be nice to figure out the state's long-term approach - current funding is part of a federal package

- d) Scott to pursue the back corner of EHTF for trail connectivity

- e) Blow down area of EHTF - how to address?

- (1) Scott reached out to Brian Sites re; Cumberland Wood Bank

#### D. Year End Report - Bob

- 1. Bob wants everyone to send him P&R accomplishments for this fiscal year

- a) Will need by October for town book

#### E. Sam Ristich Nature Trail - Bob

- 1. Where trail meets the RR bed is messy and in need of repair

- a) Clark can give some help, but doesn't have the personnel to do the whole job - can mostly just deliver materials

- b) Needs 37 lumber steps, bridge, walkways

- c) Jonathan Dawson is a contractor that has been doing work for RRCT and Cumberland that can help

- (1) There is \$ in reserves to address this

- (2) RRCT Trail Crew can dedicate time to this project, as well as possibly to the Town Forest

- (a) Jonathan can be hired as a project manager for \$1,000

- (i) We need to purchase lumber and Jonathan's time

- (ii) Clark can provide gravel

(iii) Bob to ask Jonathan for a proposal

F. Strategic Planning for Proposed Ordinance Changes

1. Monday, June 7th is a special town meeting that will only address the Animal Control Ordinance and the Parks Use Regulations Ordinance
  - a) This will strictly be a Y/N vote
2. We need to be more systematic around ordinance revision in the future

G. Milkweed report

1. Ted and Steve reported no plants survived. Discussed possible causes. Might be worth another try next year.

H. Survey - our committee might lend its voice to suggestions to SB such as a playground at WHACC.

I. Monitoring program will go ahead

1. Does not need SB approval
2. Ted's summary will be sent to SB as information and he is ready to answer any questions including giving a presentation