

North Yarmouth Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting  
September 7, 2022  
Minutes Approved: October 5, 2022

Committee Member in Attendance: Scott Kerr, Bob Abbott, Steve Palmer, Laurie Gilman  
Select Board Liaison: Andrea Berry  
Committee member absent: Kim Merrill

Meeting commenced 6:35 PM

**Charter amendment** to be voted on in November, highlights:

- A. Drop committee to 5 people instead of current 7. No mention of alternates.
- B. Change committee name to "Parks" and delete reference to "Recreation"

**Knights Pond Joint Committee Report - Bob**

Trail will need a lengthy boardwalk that will be expensive. We will need to put together a proposal to look for funding sources

**July minutes approved** as submitted by Bob Abbott

**August minutes** to be reviewed and resubmitted by Bob Abbott for approval in October

**Public Comment:** None

**Budget**

It is unclear what was purchased with the money that was subtracted from our budget. Steve will follow up with Town Manager to get that information and determine best practice moving forward.

**Climate Resilience Meeting**

Laurie attended the Economic Development & Sustainability Committee's Climate Resilience meeting. Grant money of up to \$50K is available from the state for projects that would pertain to parks. Invasive land management was discussed as possible grant request. It was decided that the town's first grant request will be for money to hire a consulting organization to help us prioritize our needs.

**Invasive Plant Control Update**

Our contractor is way behind and probably won't get any invasive work done this fall. Steve will follow up regarding work being done in spring instead.

**Central Kiosk**

Discussion around putting up a kiosk in a central location on town that would show all the parks and provide information. General agreement that this would be good idea. Best location probably at WHCC. Need to check with WHCC director and then propose to Select Board.

**Chandler Brook Preserve**

- Steve will do work on the Chandler Brook Preserve road sign
- Requests have been made to mow the fields at CBP
- CBP Recreation Plan is in final stages. Scott will work to bring the two sections of North & South Fields together to be more cohesive.
- Future discussion needed regarding possible Info Board just for North Field.

**Story Walk Trail**

Living Well committee members have finished the trail. Kiosks for story boards installed. Official opening later in September.

**Old Town House Park**

Laurie will post a message to Facebook to get ideas about what residents would like to see happen to the small area beside Rt 9 where the old town house was removed.

**Eleanor Hayes Town Forest**

Need to discuss if we want to move the monument that is currently near Rt 9 into a location near the parking lot so more people can see it.

**Bobolink**

- Laurie will check with Ag Allies & Town Manager to get information about current state of work to be done next year. Insurance is an issue in completing a contract so Ag Allies can help the town manage the grassland habitats.
- Laurie will write a brief report about the presence of bobolinks in NY parks.

Meeting adjourned 8:26 PM

Respectfully submitted by Laurie Gilman