

N. Y. Recreation Commission
Town of North Yarmouth
12/2/13
Meeting time: 6:30PM

Members: Jenny, Cindy, Ann, Paul
Non-Members: Clark Whittier, David Holman

Agenda:

I. Review of agenda items from last month:

Cindy reviewed the discussions from last month's meeting.

- professional survey to be done asking what the town residents are looking for in terms of focus from the Recreation Commission and Recreation needs of the town.
- OTHP green plastic fencing located in the far corner behind the soccer field?: It was put up because a dog got cut in that area. The area is an old dump site of sorts. The Commission would like to look into seeing if there is another way of keeping this area safe without using a neon green snow fence.

II. Clark Whittier spoke about the purpose of his attendance at tonight's meeting:

The BoS has assigned board members to be liaisons with each committee. Clark will be the liaison between the BoS and the Rec. commission.

He stated that with the Conservation Committee now dismantled, the Rec. Commission becomes more important.

In the future, Clark would like to get the mowing fees off our budget. These budget items were added a few years ago and he feels they belong on the Public Works budget. As of this budget cycle, the mowing fees remain on our budget, but our group does not figure out the rates/costs. These figures are provided to us. Rec Commission by-laws: There is an existing set of By-Laws for the Rec. Commission (emailed to us by Marnie prior to the meeting). Clark spoke in a general way about this document. He asked us to look specifically at the language in the Voting section, #4, to see if it meets our needs or if we want to revise that section.

Tomorrow, Dec. 3rd, the BoS is reviewing all the committee positions and nominations.

In future years this will all be done in June and July. By-laws will be available to public.

Email all minutes to the town clerk, Debbie Grover, after each meeting. (not Marnie) This was new information to us.

- III. Rec Survey for 2014. Marnie suggested that we hire a firm to generate this. Jenny looked into one company, but it does not do this sort of survey. She will look into finding a group that can put this together in a more comprehensive and objective way.

Dave Holman asked: Would there be a way for USM or the Muskie School of Public Service to donate services or skills to create this survey? Jenny will get info from him and follow up.

- IV. Meeting with Royal River Conservation Trust: Jenny reported out: She contacted Maine Trail Finder website people and talked to them about getting our trails on the site. Through this, she met with RRCT people and they talked about possible connections, ideas, general thinking about what we all are doing - sharing information. Jenny would like us to invite RRCT to one of our upcoming meetings to talk about what we can do together. We will need to look more closely at the information on how to get our trails on Maine Trail Finder to see if we are equipped to do this or if we need to get help to do this.

- V. Chandler Brook Trail Map: Cindy: reviewed the map and brochure. Add items to budget like dog waste bags, plexiglass, trash can, brochure box, small signs
Do we want to add in mileage for each section of the trail on the map so this is helpful to all levels of users?
The group says this would be a good idea if it could be done in a reasonable amount of time. David H. said he would volunteer to get this data in the next few days. Our goal remains to print and publish the brochure and map by the end of January 2014.

VI. Budget: ADD the following items to our budget:

extra money to mow the North Brook trail at CBP
new culvert and work for area at base of North Field inner loop
small signage for CBP
hinged plexiglass for the kiosk at CBP
dog waste holder at CBP
map holder for kiosk at CBP
trash can for CBP
a port-a-potty for CBP - seasonal
put money away for fund for Eagle scout Contingency fund,
money for tree removal at base of RR bed, fix steps on RR connector - or would Public Works be able to take care of this?

(Do we want to add in recycling bins at these locations? Jenny will look into this/research)

VII. To do: update our website, create linking or extension trails from existing parks, work on Deer Brook property?

Cindy likes the idea of linking existing trails rather than start work on a new parcel, especially if the new parcel is pretty inaccessible to the public.

Next meeting: January 6, 2014