

**Yarmouth Parks & Lands Committee**

**MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT**

**Date: June 5, 2019**

**Time: 6:01 – 8 pm**

**Monthly meeting**

**Community Room Town Hall**

**Chair: Jay Waterman**

**Committee members:**

Karen Massey (2019)

Mary Webber (2021)

Lisa Small (2019)

Mary Thorp (2019)

Jay Waterman (2021)

Richard Brimberg (2020)

Ebrahim Fazeli (2020) Excused

**Notes taken by: Mary Webber**

**Town Council, Staff & Guests:**

Erik Donohoe, Parks Specialist

Tim Shannon, Council Liaison 7:02

Todd Riddle, Boy Scout Master

David Riddle, Eagle Scout candidate

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**Helpful abbreviations and acronyms:**

FGFP – Fels-Groves Farm Preserve

FKF – Frank Knight Forest

PBP – Pratt’s Brook Park

PLC – Parks & Lands Committee

RWP – Riverfront Woods Preserve

SFEP – Spear Farm Estuary Preserve

WST – West Side Trail

**Call to Order, 6:01pm**

**Introductions**

**Public Meeting for Eagle Scout Project at Village Run**

David presented slide show. Estimated cost of \$3500 will come from \$7500 escrow funded by Village Run developer. Sledding will not be affected, slope stabilization a major focus.

Ben Wood – Consider for future a loop trail to Main St.

Sue Dealaman – questioned access to trail site by gravel trucks, etc. Erik said small town equipment will be used.

Marie Robinson – project tight to their land line.

David Robinson – other volunteers expected to participate.

Dan Ostrye – has consulted on this project, stressed excellent volunteer response to Eagle Scout projects.

Chuck Thorpe – also stressed range and commitment of volunteers.

Jess Dubois – who did bridge design? Erik mentioned Eric Street and town engineer Steve Johnson.

Jim Dealaman asked that ADA accessibility be kept in mind. Dan Ostrye said the trails will be to Universal Access Standards, and will support a wheelchair, etc.

Dan Waloven – Questioned parking. Nothing further than the four pull-off spaces is planned.

Further steps. Support to very busy YCS staff would be appreciated. Motion of project support, Mary Webber, 2nd, Mary Thorpe, unanimous.

**Approval of May meeting minutes** – Richard moved, Karen 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous.

**Current Planning Board Submission reviews.**

**Patriot Insurance** – Walkway redesign consideration for better connectivity not well received; acknowledgement, response expected.

**Boston Post Pleasant Street Development** - Much discussion of proposed open space and access to it.

**Harrison Middle School/Yarmouth Elementary School** – update from Karyn; also Cleaves Street trail access location needs work on their proposal, a new trailhead at YHS end.

**Project//Town Council Updates**

**Pratt's Brook Park Management Plan** – on Town council July 11 workshop agenda, hopefully for vote at July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Council concerns focus on bikes, guns, and dogs.

**Latchstring Park** – Town Council will appoint a task force to deal with various stakeholder issues, Richard to be PLC representative.

**Bark Park** – Tom Downing and Geoff Shallard have developed a weighted matrix chart of possible sites, will present at meeting on June 20. Mary Webber has developed survey questions, will share at that meeting.

**West Side Trail** – Erik – Contractor lined up and ready to go on first one mile section, hopefully to be done by fall. Karyn touted the upcoming Chili Chowder Cookoff, proceeds of which will benefit WST.

**Motion to adjourn**, 8 pm, Mary Webber, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mary Thorpe, unanimous.