

Yarmouth Parks and Lands
Meeting minutes-
February 5, 2020

Committee members:

Karen Massey (2021)
Mary Webber (2021)
Lisa Small (2022)
Mary Thorp (2022)
Jay Waterman (2021), chair
Richard Brimberg (2020)
Ebrahim Fazeli (2020)

Karyn MacNeill, YCS Director
Tim Shannon, Council Liaison
Erik Donohoe, Parks Specialist

Call to Order: 6:03pm

Acceptance of January 8, 2020 minutes. Karen motioned; Lisa seconded; unanimous.

Updates:

Karyn:
Questions about the possibility of a community playground on Boston Post property. Karyn will check on population of children in the area. Also, there was an inquiry about stabling a horse there. Committee felt that the horse request was inappropriate on several levels.

Erik:

Was pleased about the snowshoe walk. Irene from RRCT looking at carriage trail proposal. Plan is moving forward to permitting, but need good GPS data.
Noted that path from W.Elm to Elementary school will be closed due to construction. Crossing will be up at the high school (McCartney Street).

WORK PLAN discussion:

Lisa will do a PLC burb for the town report.
Mary W. and Karyn will amend the dog park line item to read "develop a design, plan, and financing of a dog park"
And under Additional Public Interest Projects, numbers 1 and 2 will simply say review...
And #3 will start "gather information...."
Jay talked about land acquisition strategy and the Parcel Prioritization Plan and the matrix that was developed. Karen would like to see the terms of the original land acquisition document.

Motion to accept Work Plan with agreed upon changes by Karen, seconded- Richard. Unanimous.

Eb wanted to confirm the actual PLC terms of service- Karyn will check.

Lisa suggested that Tim lead off with PLC accomplishments when presenting the Work Plan to Town council. PLC agreed.

RIVERFRONT WOODS management plan:

Erik reports that there will be a public meeting before it goes to the council in April(?). The major areas that needed tweaking from the original temporary plan are: recreation, ecology, and forestry. Plan needs to address temporary closures. Also, in the trail development section, some language was added about CMP easements. U.L. suggests that CMP and other concerns NOT be spelled out, but rather should refer to the original deed (s). Committee concurred.

Karen M. volunteered to wordsmith the document. Also, questioned if there would be signage on the river front. For those accessing property from the river.

Erik talked about trail access and the restricted uses. Discussion on power chairs. Much of this is defined by width of vehicle and the definitions of mobility devices. Karyn will check on legal restrictions. PLC also needs to look

at forestry concerns. Irene from RR will send info on hazard trees. Further, there are a number of revisions in Appendix B.

PLEASE submit all comments to Erik by Feb. 20th. Karyn will have hardcopies available at YCS office tomorrow. Jay asks for a red-line version. Karen Massey and Mary Thorp volunteer to meet with Karyn and Erik the end of February for a final review.

DOG PARK update: Mary Webber presents.

Tom D. and Geoff Shallard have been extremely helpful in site planning and review and have made many tweaks including more buffering. Liz L. and Sarah VanFleet are writing the dog park rules draft.

Fundraising will start March 1st targeting corporations, local businesses, and residents. They will be able to accept pledges, also.

April 25th will be the local kick-off. David Rosenfelt, author, will be present. Needed is a dog park logo and a name. PLC approved a temporary logo and name for the fundraising info and letters. (Karen/Lisa/unanimous) Eb suggested

some design and print firms to Mary W.

March 11th is the first public meeting.

Adjournment: Eb motioned. Mary W. seconded. Unanimous.