

Yarmouth Parks & Lands Committee

MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT

Date: June 6, 2018

Time: 6:05 – 8:10 pm

Monthly meeting

Community Room Town Hall

Chair: Jay Waterman

Committee members 2018:

Karen Massey (2018)

Mary Webber (2018)

Lisa Small (2019)

Mary Thorp (2019)

Jay Waterman (2019)

Richard Brimberg (2020)

Vacancy (2020)

Notes taken by: Mary Webber

Town Council, Staff & Guests:

Karyn MacNeill, YCS Director

David Craig, Council Liaison

Alan Stearns, RRCT Exec. Dir.

Beth Sturtevant, RRCT Board

* Call to Order, 6:05 pm, public meeting segment

*1.) As there were no guests, we moved to regular meeting

*2.) Acceptance of May's Minutes – Moved by Mary T., seconded by Richard., unanimous.

*3.) Jay asked for report from Riverfront Woods CE sub-committee

Lisa, Mary – still a few minor tweaks to be considered

Beth – coming down to details, “carriage trail, “primitive trails,” consideration of vernal pools, CMP ROW, wet areas

MFS and NCNCTCDS trail standards distributed.

*4.) Riverfront Woods Preserve CE Draft discussion

Alan – 1. Carriage trail should be in CE. 2. “Primitive” vs other words. 3. “uses” of preserve. Has held back on trail design consultant (Forrest Bell Co.) until we set parameters

Lengthy committee discussion of snowmobiles (prohibiting/allowing), possible blowback from state from prohibiting, probable damage to river banks, consider other nearby access to the river, allow in CE, prohibit in MP, noted that adjacent Barker Preserve deed prohibits snowmobiles. Straw poll to guide sub-committee: allow in CE, prohibit in MP.

Questions about words “temporary deer stands” in Section II, sub-section D, Structures, paragraph 1, Minor Structures, of CE. Eliminate “temporary deer stands.”

Karen - use of both words "vegetation" and "flora" in Section II, Sub-section B, Use of the Protected Property, paragraphs 3 and 4. Wording will be made consistent using "vegetation."

Beth – change word "may" to "shall" in Section II, sub-section E, Surface Alterations, sub-section 4, Roads and Trails, paragraph E.

Alan – should have town attorney review the CE.

- *5.) Reminder: July meeting will be held June 27th.
- *6.) Motion to adjourn, 8:10, made by Karen, second, Mary T. Unanimous.