

Yarmouth Parks & Lands Committee

MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT

Date: October 3, 2018

Time: 6:03 – 7:34 pm

Monthly meeting

Community Room Town Hall

Chair: Jay Waterman

Committee members 2018:

Karen Massey (2018) Excused

Mary Webber (2018)

Lisa Small (2019)

Mary Thorp (2019) Excused

Jay Waterman (2018)

Richard Brimberg (2020)

Vacancy (2020)

Notes taken by: Mary Webber

Town Council, Staff & Guests:

Karyn MacNeill, YCS Director

Erik Donohoe, Parks Specialist

Alan Stearns, RRCT Exec. Dir.

Tim Shannon, Council Liaison (Absent)

* Call to Order, 6:03 pm

1) As there were no guests, moved to agenda

2) Motion by Lisa, 2nd by Richard to accept June 27th and September 5th minutes. Unanimous

3) Update, reminder on hunting in parks; also, Open Space booklet - wait on anticipated new lands

4) Erik, has worked on open space projects including signage for Pratt's Brook, West Side Trail, bridge inspections with Steve Johnson of 10 YCS bridges. Bridge on Bear Trail (PB) collapsed, replaced. Parking in utility area of RRP to be restricted to "staff only". Discussion of need for signage consistency, "branding", and consistency of kiosks

5) Open Space Task Force will meet Oct. 22, 6 p.m., Community Room, Town Hall

6) Village Run trail/path - nothing new

Latchstring Park – clean up needed, Susan Prescott will head a neighborhood effort

Tinker Preserve – Crew did lots of cleanup there today, new storyboard coming

7) Riverfront Woods Preserve - Richard presented first draft of Management Plan. Karyn – Sligo parcel cannot be part of the plan. Jay - encourage "restoration" of both flora and fauna in MP. Alan will provide backup info on CMP, railroad. Karyn/Erik will do initial trail layout before turning it over to Forest Bell or other professional. Jay expressed the board's appreciation to Richard for his hard and timely work on this.

8) Off leash dog park – move ahead on site possibilities, considerations. Mary W. to work with Karyn.

9) Pratt's Brook Management Plan – Jay discussed with Tim Shannon but plan remains tabled by Council. Jay will draft letter to Council requesting consideration/direction before we continue on MP for Riverfront Woods. Issues remain dogs, hunting, horses, snowmobiles, and bikes.

10) Work Plan for Town Council – Jay discussed with Tim Shannon, plan remains... somewhere

11) Motion to adjourn, Mary W., seconded by Richard. Unanimous. Adjourned at 7:34