

**Winchendon Community Park Committee
October 28, 2019 Minutes**

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Present:, Dawn Bilodeau, Jordan Comeau, Miranda Jennings, Ken LaBrack,
Jane LaPointe, Marcia MacDonald, Tiffany Parkhurst,
Absent:, Dave Romanowski, Keith Bussier, Guy Corbosiero, Dylan Romanowski
Public: Rick Lucier

Meeting called to order at 5:39 p.m.

Business

1. **Approved Minutes:** September 23, 2019

2. **Updates on Priority Projects**

a. Trails –

- Maintenance for the upcoming year needs to be addressed. Idea for “adopt a trail. Requires clarity on what this means. Requires coordination/coordinator. Miranda and Marcia expressed interest.
- Question of how to involve schools – and what other groups or individuals (i.e. Jim Holly who has trail stewardship knowledge and experience

b. Picnic Area/Tables

- Need more community involvement with the building

c. Benches – a mix of purchased and made from logs cut in the Park

- Ken and Marcia provided the WCPC with pictures, details, costs on options for purchased benches. These included benches made with recycled materials.
- Ken will get the catalog from Al with benches installed at Grout Park
- The decision on what to purchase will be made at our November 25th meeting
- Keep in mind the opportunity re contributions for a memorial bench.

d. Signs

- Jordan provided the WCPC with handouts of proposed trail signs and a Park trail map that indicates the location of specific signs (done with Jim Holly)
- The decision on what specifically to purchase; including whether to use one or two posts on the larger signs will be made at our November 25th meeting.
- Decision to be made on how to handle/coordinate the sponsorship of signs – current and future (would also apply to benches)

e. Deck –

- Design has been approved for permit
- f. Barn & Garage
 - No update on led paint testing; Dave was not at the meeting
- h. Replacing Locks on House and Barn
 - No update on plan; Dylan was not at the meeting
- i. Exit Road
 - Ken will check with Al Gallant on installing no parking signs and on installing posts (similar to what is at Lake Dennison) at the corner to replace the barrels and yellow tape
- j. Winterizing the house
 - Jane did not reach Keith to learn what had been done last year and what would need to be done this year

3. Other Updates

- a. Robinson-Broadhurst
 - Land purchase – on the warrant at tonight's Town Meeting. These additional 8 acres would expand Park access to the cove for scenic and nature purposes
 - Special grant/project for the WCP – outdoor performance center, etc. Owners Project Manager is working with Keith Hickey, Tracy Murphy and the subcommittee to hire an architect/design firm. Requests for Qualifications have been received from 5 firms.
- b. Pollinator Gardens
 - Deb Kane (Garden Club), Miranda and the BeeKind service learning group meet at the Park to review sites. The Garden Club is interested in a more organic/natural type of pollinator garden – hence a spot in the meadows. Which they have staked.
 - This Fall: meadow spot mowed; students dig up the site and layer cardboard, hay, rock to prepare the site.
 - BeeKind will develop proposal for costs
 - Tiffany will speak with Girl Scouts about their interest in researching and coordinating a proposal with BeeKind

Adjourned: 6:26 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 25 , 5:30 p.m.

Approved: January 30, 2020