

Winchendon Community Park Infrastructure Committee July 26, 2021 Minutes Zoom Meeting

Committee Members Present: Dave Romanowski, Ken LaBrack, Jane LaPointe, Dylan Romanowski

Community: Chris Tompkins, John Walker, Justin Sultzbach

Meeting called to order at 5:32 p.m.

Approved minutes from June 3, 2021

Business Updates

1. Volunteer Opportunities/needs/interests

a. Trails

- Mowing is happening. Dylan each week. DPW
- Discussed bringing the two Park committees together to talk about a Friends of the Park, some of whom could help with infrastructure maintenance for park usage.
Action: Dave will contact Tiffany to set up a joint meeting
- Chris Tompkins noted that attendance at Park events is starting to pick up; these could be used to recruit friends
- Question - will the cross country team be using the Park this Fall?

b. Access: 8 acres, Elm Street

- Wetlands, the fallen debris is natural, can be habitat
- Access options: a raised walkway may be more climate resilient and cost effective in the long run than trying to rebuild footpath access with culverts, etc. Templates for raised walkways/boardwalks could be developed as a model for increased/improved access in the Park. This could include disc golf access

c. Footbridge on Forest Cove Trail

- **Action:** A Fall project, when it dries out

d. Vista Clearing by Deck

- **Action:** Dave needs another 6 weeks to be cleared to start this project

e. Update Maps - trail maps, maps of the park: trails, vistas, amphitheater, disc golf

- Buy mapping software. Jim Holly has data base with all the data; can we get this from him
- Options discussed: Dave will help. Chris? Friends? Schools?

2. Buildings: Garage, Barn

a. Garage: Randy met with the Building Inspector (who thought the garage was coming down?).

- He wants in writing what the plans are for the garage. May need an engineer involved

b. Barn: there is lead paint on the exterior of the Barn.

- Notes that siding may be more economical
- c. Kiosk and Deck: plans to have these completed this week

3. Disc Golf

- a. Chris Tompkins and John Walker spent time at the Park walking the proposed site for the first 3 holes and discussion options given wetland locations.
- Chris shared a map of how the holes and players could navigate wetlands. The updated wetland flagging needed for the amphitheater project could help.
- b. The Town Manager requested that we get through the permitting for the amphitheater.
- What will be needed to move this forward: bring the proposal to the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission.
- c. In the meantime, to sustain progress and interest by volunteers and the Town, create a place in the Park to demonstrate disc golf and build interest, i.e. 2 practice holes away from wetlands

4. BOS Update

- a. Committee needs to schedule time on an upcoming BOS meeting (August 9?) to provide them with an update on the Community Park Infrastructure, including amphitheater and disc golf
- a. Vistas & Deck .. no update
- b. New Trails/Use -- recently acquired 8 acres
- This has been talked about as potential sites for disc golf, along with the opening of new trails as part of disc golf
 - On the topic of Disc Golf, the committee voted to see if Chris Tompkins would be interested in joining. **Dave** will call him.

Next Meeting: Monday, August, 2021 at 6 p.m. at the Park

Adjourned: 7:05 p.m.

Approved: September 20, 2021