

Ingleside Utilization Committee

July 10, 2018

Present: Dave Romanowski, Guy Corbosiero, Ken LaBrack, Jane LaPointe

Absent: Dawn Bilodeau, Greg Vine

Guests: Rick Lucier, Keith Bussiere, Winchendon Scouts: Kayla Maine; NQTA: Bobby Curley, Don Shambroom, Dan Labbe

New Business

North Quabbin Trail Association

- Introduced the Association, its members, mission, work in the region
- Discussed work done to date at the Winchendon Community Park in opening/clearing tick resistant trails: Elm Street to Meadow; Meadow loop; walking property with IUC members and friends to identify future work, use
 - Trails are ready for community involvement
- Shared ideas for future work and use of Park that would attract and benefit community members and visitors: bee education/entrepreneurism, pollination, challenge mobility/GRIT, grants, maps, outreach, etc.

Winchendon Cub & Boy Scouts

- Troop size: 70-90 Cub Scouts; 30 Boy Scouts; 3 Eagle Scout projects for this coming year
- Interested in Geocaching. Joan Deacon of NQTA has programs on this if Scouts are interested
- **Approved by IUC Vote:** August 11, 2018 Cub Scouts to do project at the Community Park. Details will be determined on July 28.
 - Cub Scouts – 6-10 years old, anticipate 20 scouts plus some parents
 - One option: clear trail section of sticks (vista?); learn to locate and build a proper slash pile(s)

Plans for June 14: Community Kick Off

- 10 a.m. Winchendon Community Park, Ingleside Drive (off Maple Street). Will convene/start at the white/White house.
- Walk the trails with volunteers and NQTA – to identify and determine what work will be done or started on June 28
 - House → Elm Street Trail → Meadow Trail → Vista Trail
- Establish/identify teams and the work to be done. This will include:
 - Trail work, signage/kiosks, vistas, benches, picnic site, etc.
 - One kiosk can be equipped with solar panel and augmented reality to update via laptop (project for youth)
 - Signage to identify what people are seeing or what could look for
 - Bird and bat houses

- In future, will identifying site(s) for community gardens and for an outdoor fitness trail
- Some training, i.e. how to make a sustainable trail – S trail up hill
- Will save a space on the 28th for the Scouts
- **Action: Dave** will arrange to have Porta Potty on site for the Summer. Authorized to spend \$110/month for July - September

Preliminary Plans for June 28: Community Work Day

- Get into teams and do/start work/priorities identified on the 14th
- Remove Buckthorn from priority areas; teach people on 28th about this
- Clear out brush around barn
- Train the trainers – stewards of teams
- Need: basic loppers, gloves, sturdy shoes
- Need to get AI, DPW, in the loop and anticipate the work to clear bridge and the culvert and open the flow of water back into the pond and not flooding the trail

Post June 28th

- Ongoing trail work, assembling and training stewardship teams
- Work on acquiring tools
- Vista areas, benches
- Picnic
- ADA vista
- Exercise stations/trail

BOS Meeting June 16

- Meeting with BOS to update BOS on the work underway and to introduce the NQTA to the BOS
- Focus of agenda will be the NQTA 5 points partnership plan
 1. Ongoing stewardship including training volunteer stewardship teams on maintenance. Set up teams to maintain sections of the trails and Park
 2. Freedom Trail – GRIT/MIT freedom chair/accessibility – sociability/inclusive: Meadow & Elm Street Trails. Community Action Adventure Day; includes work with Veterans
 3. Bee education; Teach bee farming; Apiary center. Our meadows as an area anchor. Grant possibilities. Youth jobs taking care of this. Includes work with Scouts
 4. Grant writing and access to NQTA grant services; 501C3, Dan is grant writer. Work to tie community together/work across silos opens grant possibilities
 5. Be part of 240 mile Trail with maps, documentation; Winchendon Community Park identified as anchor center in the NQTA's 240 mile trail system

New Exit Road

- Need to clarify if this should be paved or just gravel as originally proposed by DPW - among ourselves and with AI
- Also revisit location of road. Can it be moved towards the field to reduce the number of trees needing to be cut without sacrificing important field space?
- Goal: Safer, sight lines

Phase Two (NQTA will send us details so we can get another PO)

- Open rest of trails
 - Red flag trail – establish trail tread and no trees touching walkers
 - Will remark/reroute trail across flood plain – to establish a footpath and complete the loop. This will be rough cut and finalized after Spring of 2019 when have a better idea of water. It won't be tick resistant
 - The "S" trail up the hill from the flood plain can be finished
- Glossy buckthorn removed - ongoing
- Access to Dan for grant identification using the NQTA non profit grant system
- Map – rudimentary – similar to the NQTA monthly maps. Can use maps with volunteers to identify other areas to develop or identify/tag
- **Approved:** IUC approved Phase 2 as discussed.

Membership

- Keith Bussiere will write to the BOS to join the IUC. He will share IUC/Winchendon Community Park information on Facebook

Minutes Approved

- June 28, 2018

Adjourned: 7:30 p.m.

Approved: August 7, 2018