

Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge Oversight Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2015
4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jenny Cole, Dorothy Hill, Larry Hamilton, Matt Krasnow, Sue Smith

Others: Amos Baehr, Conservation Commission

Adjustments to the Agenda: Larry requested that two items be added to the agenda: cutting sycamore tree in the parking area, and recruitment of new Park Committee members.

Public Comment: None

There was discussion of Town funding for Park Committee members who wish to take the Game of Logging courses. There is no money in the park budget for training and development. Matt will look into other sources in the Town's budget.

Amos raised the question of having an event at the Park on Town Party day. A few years ago, Mark LaBarr did a bird-banding demonstration the morning of the Party. Access from Route 7 is a limiting factor. There was further discussion of ideas.

Management of the Galbreath property, and control of invasive plants were discussed briefly.

Approval of minutes: June 3, June 9

Matt made a motion to approve the draft minutes of June 3, 2015. This was seconded by Sue. The minutes were approved with no changes. Vote: 4 yes

Dorothy made a motion to approve the draft minutes for June 9, 2015. This was seconded by Sue. Vote: 3 yes, 1 abstention (Matt)

Project updates

Jenny reported on some of the park work since June. Spring work was delayed due to wet conditions.

June expenditures:

Teacher's Tree Service	\$950
Lewis Excavating (gravel – 5 loads)	\$1450
Mow! Mow! Mow! (extra mowing)	\$440
F. E. Hart Fence (6 posts)	\$128
Aubuchon Hardware (tools and supplies)	

July expenditures:

Lewis Excavating (brush hogging)	\$400
James Bell (brush hogging)	\$590
Lewis Excavating (gravel trail work and tree cutting)	

\$1092.50

Joe Blasius (trimming of posts)

Volunteer work in July (removing wild parsnip, other park maintenance) 58.5 hours

Agricultural lease Attachment A

The group discussed a draft revision of Attachment A of the park agricultural lease. It was decided that the document should be in the form of an amendment to the original Attachment A. Jenny will revise the document and e-mail it to committee members for review. A meeting will be scheduled for final approval.

Drainage ditch work: planning and funding

Sue reported that the Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge is on the list for Ahead of the Storm water quality planning. This may happen in 2016.

Late summer and fall work

Jenny asked that the Park Committee consider fall projects at the next meeting, to allow scheduling of contractors.

Other

The sycamore tree, planted near the Greenbush Road parking area, is split and in poor health. Sue and Larry will decide whether the tree should be cut.

Committee membership was discussed. Amos advised that a representative from the Conservation Commission will be selected. The Conservation Commission is focusing on wildlife habitat observations and mapping.

Next Meeting

A meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 31 at 4:00 pm to approve the amendment to Attachment A.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:20 pm.