

**Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge Oversight Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 22, 2016**  
**5:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Jessie Bradley, Jenny Cole, Larry Hamilton, Dorothy Hill, Sue Smith

**Projects and Updates**

The Vermont Arbor Day Conference is on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Committee members discussed who would attend and whether the Town budget would cover registration fee and mileage.

The Zoning Board Conditional Use Approval for the Edgewater Center LLC event facility, proposed for the former Varney Farm, has been appealed. The Committee discussed whether or not to request party status to the legal proceedings. Larry has already filed as an interested party. Committee members concluded that additional party status was not necessary, and that Larry could keep the Committee informed. A question was raised about meeting with Tim Hunt about Park access, but Committee members have been advised that this would not be appropriate. Jeannine McCrumb has been working with the Town attorney on a memorandum of agreement.

There was discussion of a community event at the Park on Town Party Day. There was interest, but members felt the idea needed further discussion, that traffic and parking issues should be carefully considered, and that fall would be a good time for an event.

The Park Management Plan revision will be on the April 25<sup>th</sup> Selectboard agenda. Jessie will be presenting, will submit documents ahead of time (before March 28<sup>th</sup>), and will communicate about the revision with Cara Montgomery of the Vermont Land Trust. Plan exhibits will also be presented.

The remaining stumps in Unit N have been cut and treated with herbicide. Committee members and other volunteers will seed the area when the conditions are right. It was suggested that the area be seeded with oats, and then seeded with the mixture of grasses and wildflowers.

Larry reminded members that some of the red maples along the Thorp Trail still need to be cut.

Jenny suggested scheduling a work day for trail work on Roberts Way. Jessie is in favor of coming up with a comprehensive plan for 2016-2017. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Sue and Jenny met with Bill Conn, Right of Way Forester for VELCO, about transmission corridor management in 2016. Jenny summarized what was discussed. The information will be noted on a form granting VELCO permission for herbicide application. VELCO will use cut stump treatment, and foliar spray of honeysuckle. They also may be able to treat wild parsnip if the timing is right. The permission form will be approved by the Selectboard. Committee members were generally fine with the plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.