

Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge Oversight Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2015
4:30 p.m.

Members Present: Jessie Bradley, Jenny Cole, Mark Dillenbeck, Matt Krasnow, Sue Smith

Others:

Adjustments to the Agenda:

Public Comment: None

Approval of minutes: June 9 and August 3

Mark asked why the list of expenditures in the August 3 minutes was incomplete. Jenny explained that it included larger expenditures, but not smaller purchases. She can provide a complete list, if committee members would like to see it. Jenny will make adjustments in the format of the list, to make it easier to read. The minutes from August 3 were approved.

Jenny questioned whether the minutes from June 9 had been approved. There was discussion of whether or not someone who was absent from a meeting could vote on approval of minutes. Jenny and Matt will do research. (Follow-up note: The minutes were properly approved at the August 3 meeting.)

Amendment to Agricultural Lease Attachment A

Matt suggested additional wording in the first sentence, stating that the goals and actions steps were mutually agreed upon during the 2011-2015 lease, and will apply to the 2016-2020 lease renewal. The edited amendment was approved unanimously. (Motion by Jessie, seconded by Mark) Matt spoke with Dean about having this on the September 28 Selectboard agenda.

Late summer and fall work

This was discussed early in the meeting. Jessie introduced the idea of “patchwork” mowing on a rotation to encourage plants that benefit insects and wildlife. To a certain extent, this has been done with mowing invasive and problem plants, and leaving desirable plants. The group discussed incorporating the idea into the Park Management Plan. Sue felt that this winter would be a good time to work on the Management Plan revision.

Members discussed having fall work done by Dick Preston and James Bell.

Byington bench

Jenny reported that Jeannette Byington would like to purchase a stone bench for the Park in memory of her husband. She would like it to be placed in a location with a view. Jessie suggested Chris Curtis of Stowe. Other sources were discussed. Jenny will get back to Mrs. Byington with ideas.

Other

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 5th at 4:30 p.m.

Sue reported that there will be volunteer work days at the Park every Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 12:30 starting September 16. Mark will post a notice on Front Porch Forum.

Jessie reported that there will be an Audubon Vermont, Celebration of Birds on Saturday, September 19 from 4-7 p.m. at the Alpeter residence on Garen Road.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:50 p.m.