Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge Oversight Committee
Meeting
Tuesday, November 15, 2016
5:30 p.m.
at the Charlotte Town Hall
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Members present: Jessie Bradley, Jenny Cole, Mark Dillenbeck, Dorothy Hill, Sue Smith

The minutes from the October 10th meeting were approved. (Motion by Mark, seconded by Dorothy.)

Discussion of the elm tree grant was added to the agenda.

Gravel trail work: A motion was made and passed to authorize up to $600 for Junior Lewis to put gravel on portions of the Byington Trail and around benches. (Motion by Dorothy, seconded by Mark.) The gravel was purchased last June.

Elm tree grant: Mark reported on the elm tree grant. Finding good plant stock is still a problem. The Committee discussed tree locations, bare root vs. plants in container, number and care of trees. Jessie suggested using a portion of the grant for tubs and tree watering. Committee members concluded that the grant should be used for 15 trees to be planted in areas accessible by a vehicle with a water tank, and that the grant should cover the cost of watering. There was discussion of using cardboard under mulch (and not herbicide) to control weeds.

Project updates

Progress is being made in the project to mulch shrubs in the riparian buffer. More work will be done during Wednesday work sessions.

Sue has been determining the value of volunteer work for 2016. She has calculated a value of $6000 for work so far. A summary will be given to the Selectboard.

Jenny will draft the Park Committee report for the Town Report.

Peter Denton provided a cost quote for a section of bog bridges near the large oak tree. There is not enough money in the budget for this project. Committee members discussed seeking additional quotes, revising the plan so a portion of the work would be done by volunteers, and coming up with a fund raising letter. Jenny will contact James Bell for a proposal and quote, and will work to refine the "scope of work."

After Christmas, Jessie and Sue will coordinate continued work on the Management Plan revision.

Sue and Jenny drafted a document outlining how the Park Committee will accomplish the Ahead of the Storm projects. Jenny will send the outline to Marty Illick. There was discussion of funding to move forward with the site 2 erosion control project. Marty provided a grant application, due December 2.

The Conservation Commission purchased two Extractigator weed pullers. They may be checked out at the Charlotte Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.