

**Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge Oversight Committee
Meeting
Wednesday, February 16, 2017
5:15 p.m.
Charlotte Town Hall**

Members present: Jenny Cole, Mark Dillenbeck, Dorothy Hill, Sue Smith

Project Updates:

Church Hill Landscapes will start work in the hedgerow soon, when weather conditions allow. Dick Preston will not be able to do the brush-hogging. Committee members discussed possible uses for the budget money set aside for this.

Park Management Plan

Committee members discussed agriculture units and whether use should be limited to hay—or whether other crops, such as corn, would be allowed. Keeping the fields in hay has reduced erosion and damage by livestock. This use is also more compatible with recreation. The fields have been managed well under the current lease. On the other hand, Committee members felt it wise to keep options open as long as soils are protected and other standards met.

Jenny will send Sue's draft of the agriculture section of the Management Plan to Dorothy.

There was discussion of scheduling our annual meeting with Mike LaClair. Jenny will contact him.

Other Management Plan section assignments were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:15 p.m.