

Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge Oversight Committee
Meeting
Wednesday, May 10, 2017
5:30 p.m.
Charlotte Town Hall

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

Others:

Adjustments to the agenda

Mark asked for time to discuss watering of the elm trees. He still has not found someone to water the trees this summer. He thought he would contact Ward Preston and advertise on craigslist. Payment will be \$600 for the park trees for the season. Sue suggested he contact Bob Hyams.

Approval of expenditures:

Cutting and removal of tree by the parking area fence, cutting of dead trees on Roberts Way, and parking area fence repair: (See *Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge Projects – 5/8/17.*) Cost quotes for the removal of the tree by the fence were Barrett's Tree Service - \$1,425 and Teacher's Tree Service - \$1,050. Junior Lewis was contacted, but he felt the work required special equipment to do safely. Cost quotes for cutting trees on Roberts Way were \$675 from Barrett's (quote by phone) and \$225 from Teacher's Tree Service. Of vendors contacted, only one quote was received (Middlebury Fence Company - \$1,129.86) for the fence repair. A motion was made by Mark (seconded by Greg) to approve Teacher's Tree Service (\$1,275) for tree removal and Middlebury Fence Company (\$1,129.86) for fence removal and replacement. The motion was passed 6-0.

Improvement of agricultural access to Overlook field: The Committee discussed ideas and costs. Jenny will contact Junior Lewis about a cost quote for agricultural access, distributing gravel on the Byington Trail and brush-hogging.

Purchase of organic herbicide for use on invasive plants: Options were discussed. There was discussion of mowing first to reduce the amount of herbicide needed. Mark made a motion (seconded by Dorothy) allowing up to \$250 for the purchase of an alternative (organic) herbicide. The motion passed 6-0.

Park Management Plan

The draft of the agriculture section was reviewed. Committee members decided to go with the discussed changes for presentation to the Selectboard on June 12. Greg submitted a copy of the

agriculture section with his edits. Jenny, Jessie and Sue will finalize the draft—and will send it to Matt Krasnow for his review.

Bog bridge planning group

Bog bridge replacement options will be discussed at a future meeting.

Project planning

Prepare for Ahead of the Storm Site 2 project: Jenny and Sue will seek quotes.

Seek advice for stabilizing bridge on Roberts Way: This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Wild parsnip control: No action taken.

Volunteer Days

CVU service day on May 18: Sue is organizing the work day. Park Committee volunteers are needed to help supervise.

Approval of minutes: January 26, February 16, and March 15, 2017

Minutes will be approved at a future meeting.

The meeting ended at 7:00 p.m.