

Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge Oversight Committee
Meeting
Wednesday, May 30, 2017
6:30 p.m.
Charlotte Town Hall

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

Others:

Adjustments to the agenda: none

Agriculture section of Park Management Plan

The Committee reviewed the draft. Changes were discussed and the edited document approved. It will be presented to the Selectboard on June 12th. Greg submitted a copy with his corrections.

During the discussion about the mowing schedule for grassland birds, Dorothy stated she has seen bobolinks just north of her yard. She will contact Mike LaClair about delaying the mowing in a small area of the field. There was discussion about a more flexible agreement with the farmer/lessee to delay mowing in portions of agricultural units when nesting birds are observed. Wording regarding this option was added to the Management Plan.

Bench in memory of Larry Hamilton

Larry's family would like to donate a bench in his memory. The plan is to purchase a curved bench to be placed on the other side of Larry's oak tree. Shrubs will be planted for screening of Route 7 traffic. Jenny will help with ordering and installation of the bench. Dorothy will assist with planting shrubs.

Bog bridges - purchase of materials: logs, lumber

Mark made a motion (seconded by Greg) to purchase cedar logs from Rick Mason. (\$225 for 20 logs, 8' long with a diameter of 8-11 inches, and \$25 for delivery.) The motion was passed.

Gravel for trails and agricultural access to Overlook

Cost quotes from Junior for adding the gravel purchased last year to the Byington Trail and for improving the agricultural access to the Overlook total around \$1000. Greg made a motion, (seconded by Matt) to spend up to \$1000 for this work. The motion was passed.

The meeting ended at 7:55 p.m.