

Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge Oversight Committee
Meeting
Wednesday, September 27, 2017
6:00 p.m.
Charlotte Town Hall

Members present: Jessie Bradley, Jenny Cole, Greg Smith, Sue Smith

The Planning Commission will be holding a meeting on October 12 to receive comments on the Town Plan. Sue prepared a draft statement recommending that wording be added to the Plan regarding a safe way, such as a tunnel, for people and animals to cross into the park from the east side of Route 7. Sue asked Committee members to get back to her with comments by October 9th.

Plan to replace bog bridges

We have \$3000 for this year. Jessie walked the site with Peter Denton. He has a “gator” to bring materials in and out of the trail. There was discussion of moving bog bridges, getting stringers ready, etc.

Peter also looked at the first bridge on Roberts Way. He feels there are two problems to address—water coming down the trail and bank erosion from the stream. He suggests diverting water coming down the trail and putting stone on the stream bank. Both bridges on the trail show signs of erosion.

Jessie would like to do a PowerPoint presentation about infrastructure needs for the Park Committee budget presentation to the Selectboard. Braxton Robbasson may be able to help with this.

Jenny will contact Gerald Bouchard about milling the cedar logs.

There is someone posting notices about “forest bathing” walks in the park and other places. It was suggested that they contact the Recreation Commission to go through the process for groups or businesses using Town property. Jenny will find the name and contact them.

2018-19 Park budget

The budget was revised. (The final version is attached.)

Volunteer days

Volunteer work days were scheduled for October 14 and November 18, 2017.

Fall brush-hogging

James Bell looked at the areas to brush-hog. He will be available in a few weeks. We have \$1800 in the budget, considering this year's July brush-hogging and what we need next June. There was discussion of brush-hogging an access for work on Roberts Way.

Approve minutes: August 18, September 13, 2017

Minutes will be approved at a future meeting.

The meeting ended around 7:30 p.m.