

Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge
Oversight Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
Minutes

Members Present

Jessie Bradley, Jenny Cole, Larry Hamilton, Dorothy Hill, Bob Hyams, Sue Smith

Welcome to new member, Dorothy Hill.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from August 27 and October 9 were approved. (Motion by Larry, seconded by Bob)

Project Updates

James Bell finished brush-hogging at the Overlook, at the top of Roberts Way, and in Unit N. There is still some clean-up work to do at the Overlook. Committee members' opinions differ about cutting the maple trees in the opening.

Danger-tree cutting: Larry will check on progress of discussions between V.J. Comai and Dean Bloch regarding Town insurance requirements.

Joe Blasius repaired the kiosk and sign at the parking area. The committee discussed having him do other sign repair work. The box for the park sign-in also needs to be replaced.

Jessie finished posting the "no hunting" signs.

On November 1, volunteers finished the first bridge on Roberts Way and replaced a section of bog bridges. There is still more work to do. Bob and Jenny discussed working again on November 8.

Dick Preston will be doing brush-hogging soon. The farm fields were recently cut.

Planting Wildflowers

Jessie has 4 pounds of wildflower seed. She and Sue discussed planting it near the top of Roberts Way.

Writing for Charlotte News

Larry submitted an article to the Charlotte News about the Overlook. Committee members will take turns writing monthly articles. Park visitors need to be reminded of the no dogs rule.

Early Mowing of Route 7 Roadside

Junior Lewis gave a cost estimate of \$300-\$400 to mow park land along Route 7 in early July. VTrans mows later in the summer, which does not help control wild parsnip. Committee members were in favor of having Junior do the mowing. Jenny will contact Vtrans about designating the area a "no-mow" zone.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, December 2 at 5:00 p.m.