

Town of Dover Trails & Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
via Zoom & in person
Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Members present: Kristin Mumford

Members present via Zoom: Sarah Shippee, Patricia Sweeney, Steve Petrik, Paul Fisher

Also present: Shannon Wheeler, Scott Noren, Andy McLean

Also present via Zoom: Eric Durocher, Jim McDevitt, Julia LaGrange, Mike Garber, Jeremy Kirk, Andrew LaGrange

A recording of this meeting can be found here (started late during the Ridge Trail discussion):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_IByDXNNHQ

Moderator Eric Durocher called meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

I. Public comments:

- a. Kristin: neighbor asking about pet waste signs on trails and what can be done with them. They are hung too low and some have misspellings. *Steve Petrik will check on them and Kristin will send him photos.*

II. Additions of changes to the agenda: None

III. Approve minutes from July 13th meeting:

- a. Motion by Sarah, seconded by Patricia - approved by all in attendance in July.

IV. Update: Renaming of Dover Town Forest:

- a. Our suggestion to the Selectboard was approved for renaming Dover Town Forest to 'Dover Town Forest & Phil Bartlett Recreation Area'. The Board has recommended a sign as well as a plaque on a boulder. Andy volunteered to be the lead on gathering info on Phil for this.

V. Ridge Trail Update:

- a. Steve and Eric will meet with USFS again soon.

VI. Horace Hill Planning Meeting:

- a. Discussion on what next steps for this meeting and the format it should take. Determined Eric will send a Doodle Poll for meeting times. Hiking, biking, snowshoeing/skiing, disc golf and snowmobiling are activities we and the Recreation Plan hope to make work on this property. We are past the point of making presentations on these and instead should move forward to prepping an RFP for trail development/engineers to see how these could all work together. A suggestion to meet at Horace Hill was brought up but determined better off waiting until we have an engineer/developer to have site visit as well. Hoping to have a collaboration of firms to respond to RFP to maximize budget and get experts on all activities. Reminder to keep the ancillary items for the property like historical markers in mind. Look at who designed Northampton, knowing that the maintenance of that area isn't what we'd like to see here. Looking to meet week of August 23 to discuss shell RFP Eric will put together to refine it prior to September 14 Trails meeting.

VII. School Pump Track Update:

- a. This was diverted to the Selectboard at our last Trails meeting but the School Board provided funding so that will move forward. Steve had some questions on details and will check in with Mike Purcell.

VIII. Additional Outdoor Recreation Considerations:

- a. Outside of Horace Hill, what are some activities we want to keep thinking on for long term planning? Youth programs, adult programs, skate park, ice rinks, gaga ball pit, community center. Where do we think these activities can fit into properties here? When do we implement an actual Parks & Rec department? Patricia will look into temporary ice rink resources for a short term item and share with Eric.

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IX. Motion to adjourn by Sarah at 7:32 PM, seconded by Steve.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Wheeler
Economic Development, Town of Dover