HEATH PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE – MEETING MINUTES

Zoom Meeting August 12, 2020, 7:30 – 8:30 AM

Committee Members in attendance: Kate Peppard (chair), Michael Cucciara, Jenna Day, Bobby Honeycutt

1) Trail Woodlands Partnership Grant (Update from project lead: Mike Cucciara)
   a. Spent $8,000 of $20k
   b. Deadline for expenditures is April 1, 2021
   c. Need to purchase materials and supplies
      i. Posts for trail marker
      ii. Materials list for kiosks (Action: Bobby, trail head and town center)
         1. Order by 8/15 (ACTION: Bobby or Jeff/Jenna to get materials list to Mike to order supplies)
         2. Kiosk to be built by mid-September (BOBBY)
      iii. Tables & benches (Kate contacted Knights of Columbus in Shelburne Falls); Jenna to get prices from Department of Corrections
      iv. Graphics/Maps: work with FLT?
   d. Art brought up consideration for snow removal in winter – Mike noted that has been considered and will review the parking area for any additional planning and consideration around that
   e. Need to put posts/chain up to help restrict ATVs from the property
   f. NOTE: the warrant to apply for the grant for Land Conservation Projects by the Community Preservation Act Association was unanimously approved at the annual town meeting

2) Trail Clean-up Plan/Schedule (Project Lead: Jenna Day/Mike Cucciara, guest: Art Schwenger)
   a. Art noted there are both public trails and private trails in Heath. Determined we should focus on public for ease of access/maintenance:
      i. Public Land: Shapiro, Maitland Forest, FLT on Judd Rd, Benson Place (private but publicly available), H.O. Cook Forest, FLT Crowningshield Property
         1. Clean up priorities: Cook (trails are maintained pretty well); Crowningshield property trails have not been established on Goodall property; Maitland Forest pretty well maintained; Judd Road property condition unknown; Shapiro land; Benson Place (check with Andrew and Meredith).
         2. Fall 2020: Focus on Shapiro land and possibly do work at Benson Place. Trail clean up day: SEPTEMBER 19th
      ii. Private Land: about 20 trails – Art can give us information if we want to expand our efforts there

3) Trail Maps (action: Kate & Jenna)
a. Mike has GIS data files for Shapiro land – Need to send to either FLT for map development or work with Jenna’s
b. Trail Maps – Art noted that the FRCOG and Land Trust have done some mapping and have a person who does the GIS.
c. Kate to send out Franklin Land Trust maps of Heath, will continue to work with FLT on mapping trails in town (ACTION: KATE)
d. Jenna has contact who can do GIS map data production into maps (ACTION: JENNA)

4) Gym Inventory (ACTION: LYRA – to be completed by Fall)

5) Maintenance
   a. Basketball court (JENNA)
   b. Picnic Table(s) (KATE)

6) Socially Distant Activities
   a. Bike Parade in partnership with Heath Ag Society (ACTION: SHAHID).
      i. UPDATE PROVIDED VIA EMAIL: Sha is working on putting something together for the fall, when things are a little cooler. He will provide more updates as plans progress.
   b. Shapiro Trail clean-up day: September 19th
   c. Public Space Maintenance – weeding/pruning/clean-up
      i. UPDATE VIA EMAIL: Lorena has been weeding and working in the pollinator gardens and has also worked on some of the downed branches in the town center public spaces

7) BIG PICTURE GROUP OBJECTIVES FOR 2020
   a. Burnt Hill – Catamount Trail Development (Actions: Mike, Jenna, Bobby)
   b. Water Access for Swimming – ongoing (Action: Kate)
   c. Get to Know Your Woods: Trail Cleanup Days & Trail Maps (Kate & Jenna)
   d. Fun Run (Shahid)
   e. On-Going Maintenance of Basketball Court, pollinator garden, town common
   f. Shapiro Land Management – Develop next steps