

Town of Heath – Parks and Rec Committee Meeting Minutes - January 27, 2020 – DRAFT MINUTES

Committee Members: Kate Peppard (chair), Michael Cucciara, Jenna Day, Bobby Honeycutt, Shahid Jalil, Lyra Johnson-Fuller

All Members in Attendance.

Meeting called to order 7:03

- 1) Grant submitted for trail head construction for the Burnt Hill-Catamount trail we agreed to work on this year (Update by Mike)
 - a. Can get up to \$20,000 to spend on projects through public land
 - b. Want to develop parking lot area, signage, wayfinding
 - c. Trail will move through public lands including a connector through private land
- 2) Open Space meeting with the rep from FRCOG and Brian DeVries last week, we will report on that and share the Open Space Plan draft we received plus a couple of action items that came out of it (Kate & Bobby)
 - a. Primary issue that came up was people want swimming access
 - i. Kate will be approaching the Rowe Parks & Rec department to see about negotiating Heath Town access
 - b. Suggested that we consider surveying locate open “dipping holes”
- 3) First annual 5 mile run happening during the Heath Fair weekend - plan to give updates and note any support needed (Shahid)
 - a. Flyer has been designed
 - b. Will start at the Brown’s field and will finish at the fairgrounds truck pull
 - c. Zoar Outdoor and Sidehill Farm will help sponsor, Sha will be developing sponsor sheets
 - d. Will put sponsor names on a tshirt and will hang banners
 - e. Race fee is \$25. \$10 goes to Ag Society, remaining goes to parks & rec
 - f. Should put a registration form into the fair premium book and get other promotions
 - g. Sha will make a list of what assistance is needed
 - i. Think about categories
 - ii. Think of businesses that might donate prizes
 - iii. We should be thoughtful about who we are soliciting from/for what prizes
- 4) Develop a list of our obligations (open space and recreation management) and annual events and figure out how we will see that through this year, and maybe add in another fun community building event.
 - a. Currently the charge is to take care of the parks
 - b. List of items from Bob Bourke:
 - i. Maintain basketball court (paint white lines, repair hoops, new nets,
 - ii. Repair/replace picnic tables and playground equipment
 - iii. Work on implementation/development of Shapiro land management
 - c. Connect with organizations that manage the parkland so we can develop trail maps (Jenna to contact Land Trust & New England Forestry Foundation)
 - d. GROUP OBJECTIVE: Series of Trail Cleanup Days– get to know your woods (invite Art Schwenger to our next meeting, get maps and information)
 - e. Gym Inventory & Open Gym (proposed by Lyra)

- f. Ice Cream Social/Café Memorial Day Weekend (Kate to reach out to Lorena)
- 5) Town website training: Kate updated the group that we will be posting agendas and minutes via the website once log-on issues get resolved.
- 6) Next Meeting: March 2, 2020 7 PM Library (Lyra to confirm use of library with Don)
 - a. Discuss trail cleanup plan/schedule (Jenna/Mike)
 - b. Run updates and registration form for Heath Fair Premium Book (Shahid)
 - c. Upcoming spring event(s) & notifications in Heath Herald
- 7) 8:17 PM Mike moved to adjourn the meeting, Shahid seconded