

# 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**
      3. Art noted we should have secure permission for access from those who manage the land
    - 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 19<sup>th</sup>**
  - 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 – Catatmount 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