

HEATH PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - MEETING MINUTES

Parks & Rec Meeting, Saturday October 17, 2020

Committee Meeting 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Kiosk Building and Trail Clearing 1:30 – 3:30 PM

MEETING **ON-SITE** AT THE TRAILHEAD FOR THE NEW **BURNT HILL-CATAMOUNT TRAIL** (Flagg Hill Road).

Committee Members in attendance: Kate Peppard (chair), Michael Cucciara, Jenna Day, Shahid Jalil

- 1) Trail Woodlands Partnership Grant (Project Lead: Mike Cucciara)
 - a. Updates from project lead (Mike)
 - b. Trail Maps (action: Mike)
 - c. Kiosk built during the meeting
- 2) Gym Equipment
 - a. Jacobs Road Gym Inventory (LYRA)
 - b. Yoga Mat sale update (Kate)
- 3) Maintenance
 - a. Basketball court (JENNA)
 - b. Picnic Tables (JENNA) – Spring 2021
 - i. To acquire metal tables from MASSCOR
 - ii. for basketball court area around new trail info kiosk
 - iii. for BHC trail
- 4) Potential Socially Distant Activities (Shahid)
 - a. Bike Parade at Fairgrounds: looking for new location, event is TBD
 - b. Ski race: may do a virtual or self-timed course
 - c. Fun Run: looking to Heath Fair 2021 and/or virtual options
- 5) BIG PICTURE GROUP OBJECTIVES FOR 2020
 - a. DOT grant for small city improvements – objective would be to improve the area behind the basketball court, edgeless woodchips
 - b. Burnt Hill – Catatmount Trail Development (Actions: Mike, Jenna): maps additional markers, set aside funding for trail promotion
 - c. Water Access for Swimming – ongoing (Action: Kate)
 - d. Get to Know Your Woods:
 - i. Trail Cleanup Days: develop trail cleanup agenda based on Art's list
 - ii. Trail Maps (Kate & Jenna)
 - iii. Trail use promotion day (cider, coffee, donuts)
 - e. On-Going Maintenance of Basketball Court, pollinator garden, town common (Jenna)
 - f. Shapiro Land– Develop next steps for land management (Mike); need a new name for the tract
- 6) Committee Logistics:

- o Meetings going forward:
 - Second Wednesdays 7:00 – 8:00 PM via Zoom
 - Will meet every other month with email check-ins in between, and additional meetings as necessary.
 - Meeting Dates: November 11, January 13, March 10, May 12, July 14, September 8, November 10.
- o Parks and Rec charter:
 - We want to clarify the committee's role and responsibilities.
 - Kate to get the charter language and we will see about updating it as necessary.
- o Parks & Rec chair:
 - Kate has been acting as interim chair and has offered to continue in the role, but would like to open the position to an election for a year term. Nominations welcome. Term will begin January 1, 2021.
- o Additional membership:
 - Bobby Honeycutt is stepping down so we have room for another member. Joe Mason has expressed interest. Jenna will follow up with Nina.