

HEATH PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES from 5/11/21 Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: Kate Peppard, Bobby Honeycutt, Mike Cucchiara, with written updates from Lyra Johnson-Fuller.

Select Board Appointed Committee Members: Kate Peppard (chair), Michael Cucciara, Jenna Day, Bobby Honeycutt, Shahid Jalil

Active Community Liaisons: Henry Josephson, Lorena Lobusky, Joseph Mason (youth liaison)

1) **FINANCIALS (5 min):**

- Annual Budget \$250
- \$20,000 of \$20,000 trails grant spent (UPDATE FROM MIKE)
- Mike pursuing grant for Land Acquisition – looking to get an extension
- Second Mohawk Woodlands Grant – Mike following up on Hosmer Road trails with FLT to see about partnership; may resubmit land acquisition grant through the Mohawk Woodlands Grant
- \$2,147.18 - stabilization account - access requires town meeting vote.
- \$1,762.46 Recreation Fund (still unclear what this is for).

2) **MOHAWK WOODLANDS GRANT PROJECTS (Mike):**

- Trail signs going up
- Picnic tables will arrive in August, benches will arrive next week
- Trail Kiosk signage is in process
- Tripping hazard work in the spring
- Map design and production in progress. Mike to walk trail with Sha and Jordan Lively; will map down to Taylor Brook and to Catamount.
- Renaming land (Burnt Hill Woodlands)– needs to be brought to Select Board (Mike)
- Burnt Hill Land Connector Grant Update (5 min) – Title work has been performed.
- Mike looking in to Land access grant and also Hosmer Road trails

3) **SWIMMING ACCESS UPDATE (Kate)** – Nothing new to report

4) **CROSS COUNTRY SKI & FUN RUN UPDATES**

- T-shirt contest for a future ski race/rally
- Fair is happening, will race be virtual or live?

5) **GYM INVENTORY UPDATE (Lyra):** Loaning system for inventory

6) **TOWN CENTER PARK MAINTENANCE:**

- STREET GRANT APPLICATION (JENNA). Need update on grant application for new picnic tables for the town common and the chips for the basketball court.
- Pollinator Garden Update – Lorena attended a pollinator workshop and has sent information out to the group, see email from 4/27

7) **COMMUNITY INITIATED PROJECTS (NEW - 5-10 min, depending on time)**

P&R encourages Heath citizens to bring forward projects that we can support.

- ICE SKATING: Meredith & Andrew Kurowski want to do ice skating . (P&R Contact Bobby). Looking at creating an ice rink in the town center.
- POETRY WALK (Lyra): Lyra would like to have a poetry walk for the library this summer (July/Aug.) in the Heath center park. It would also be approved by the BOH & BOS, and masks are required. The poetry walk would have different stations of laminated pages of poetry to follow around the park, geared more toward adults. Lyra is also planning a story walk in the North Woods at 18 Jacobs Rd. for children.
- MINDFULNESS FOR KIDS: Kate is hosting a 6 week mindfulness series for kids end of June – July. This is sponsored by the Heath Cultural Council. Assuming we will not be sharing equipment for the foreseeable future, Kate will again offer to sell the Parks & Rec owned mats to those who may need them (there are 3 left). Money will go back to P&R.

MEETING ADJOURNED 8 PM (moved by Mike, second by Kate).