

BILLINGS PARK COMMISSION

Meeting

9 April 2020

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Conference Call

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Present: Chair Alison Clarkson, BPC Commissioners: Chris Lloyd, Sam Segal, Julian Underwood, Don Wheeler

**National Park Rivers and Trails representative: Jennifer Waite
Town Manager, Bill Kerbin**

**Members of the public: Melanie Campbell, Barbara Barry, Linda Smiddy,
Wendy Marrinan, Bill Corson**

I. Call to Order

- a. Chair Alison Clarkson called the April 9th Billings Park Commission Meeting to Order at 12:02**
- b. Alison welcomed the participants and ask that all introduce themselves and that non-Billings Park Commissioner mute their phones until comment and questions times during the meeting**

II. Business in the COVID-19 Era

- a. Alison thanked Julian for setting up the Conference call and others participant for joining in.**
- b. Alison and Park Commissioners shared the anecdotal evidence of the Parks getting abundant use during this crisis period when the ‘Stay Safe Stay Home’ order is in place and we are all required to maintain ‘Social Distancing’.**

III. BPC membership

- a. Re-Appointments and terms – Alison asked the Commissioners to indicate their desire to stay on as Commissioners**
- b. Alison asked Commissioners if 3-year terms, as consistent with other Town Boards seemed appropriate**
 - i. Discussion indicated that 3 years seems appropriate**
- c. Resignation and replacement**

- i. Josh has resigned due to his time commitments as the newly appointed Director of Pentangle.**
- ii. Alison asked all to reach out to community members to fill the vacant seat – hoping we might add more gender balance to the BPC.**

IV. Update on the draft Park Management Plan

- a. Jennifer summarized the timeline for a Park comprehensive Management Plan.**
- b. Jennifer explained that the first draft of the plan was focused on a traditional forest management plan and we are awaiting a draft that is more comprehensive in nature that recognizes the multi-use aspect of the Parks in the plan**

V. Update on Mt Peg Kiosks

- a. Jennifer explained that the Replacement for the Trailhead and the Kiosk for the Mt Peg summit were close to completion by Maya Designs.**
- b. She has received comments from a few Commissions and that comments from other Park Commissioners are due by April 20th.**

VI. Trek to Taste 2020

- a. Jennifer indicated that the annual Trek to Taste event (Woodstock’s celebration of National Trails Day first Saturday in June) would most likely be cancelled. Perhaps an expanded Peak to Peak would be good as a replacement for T2T this fall.**

VII. Update on the Faulkner Trust gift to Woodstock

- a. Alison thanks the many community members for joining.**
- b. Alison stated that the Select Board had indicated their desire to create a Working Group of community members to discuss and report on the proposed Conveyance of the Faulkner Trust gift to the Town of Woodstock that was presented at the November Select Board meeting.**

- c. Various Community members indicated that a Working Group currently exists that includes people from Mountain Ave as well as other community members.**
- d. Alison expressed the BPC's hope that the Select Board would move on the creation of a Select Board appointed Working Group of 3-4 people from various stakeholders in the community.**
- e. Various community members spoke about their concern about the way in which the Town and the representatives of the Faulkner Trust entered into discussion about the proposed conveyance.**
- f. Alison encouraged anyone interested to offer to serve on this Select Board Working Group.**

VIII. 1:01 Alison thanked all for attending. Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting set for April 2^{7th} at 4 pm.