

BILLINGS PARK COMMISSION
Minutes - DRAFT
28 September 2020
4 pm

In Attendance:

Billings Park Commission Members: Sam Segal, Randy Richardson, Alison Clarkson, Don Wheeler, Julian Underwood, Rebecca Williams

Woodstock Town Manager: Bill Kerbin

Woodstock Select Board Member: Jill Davies, Mary Riley

National Rivers and Trails: Jennifer Waite

Guests: Linda Smiddy, Wendy Marrinan, Nick Mahood, Bill Corson, Rebecca Williams, Stephen Stuntz, Jeremy Freyer, Matt Stout, Dan Jones

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02.

2. Minutes from August 17, 2020

A Sam made a motion was made to accept the meeting minutes from 17 August 2020
Julian seconded.

Discussion: None

Motion accepted unanimously.

3. Update on Mt Peg Summit Kiosk printing & installation

Nick reported that he needs a few other items to the kiosk in the ground by the time it freezes.

Jennifer explained that one of the last items is the QR codes.

Dimensions are being confirmed for the panel.

All comments and additions were incorporated.

4. Update on Park Management Plan

Comments were incorporated and the next version is in Redstart's hand.

The ecological and recreational aspects are still in their information gathering phase.

5. Update on fall mowing schedule

Don reported that Nick and he have spoken.

Alison thanked Nick for his (and that of the Woodstock Resort Corporation) help in the mowing.

Nick will confirm that he will conduct one more mow this fall.

6. Update from the BPC Strategic Planning team

Julian reported the progress of the strategic planning group.

7. Update on Selectboard meeting & Faulkner Trust proposal

Alison reported that the Faulkner Park Working Group presented to the Selectboard.

The hope is that the Select Board will convene community members.

Jill Davies, reported that Mary is putting together a team to look at the two proposals for the future of the Faulkner Park.

8. Fall Trail Stewardship

Alison wondered about the resources this fall for trail maintenance. Rebecca mentioned that we might coordinate with the 7th & 8th teams that Kat Robbins is organizing for trail work.

Randy discussed the work for fall, which includes clearing water drains, repairing “Social trails.”

Wendy mentioned that often downed branches work to discourage “social trails”.

9. WAMBA proposal

Matt Stout introduced himself as the vice-president of WAMBA. Other interested community members introduced themselves.

Matt explained WAMBA and its initiatives.

Nick explained the initiatives of WRC to build mtn. bike trails.

Matt explained the process of WAMBA’s approach to trail development.

Alison said that two mtn bikes used the Mt. Peg trail the other day.

Jennifer expressed the need to review the granting language.

Julian expressed a concern about parking and the aspects of the Easements and grants that mention exercise and multiple generations.

Jill reaffirmed that WAMBA is a 501 c seeking permission from a Town organization to build a trail on town land.

Matt confirmed that summary and added that WAMBA would plan, construct, and maintain the trail.

Bill Corson and Jennifer worried that the mtn bike trail would cross hiking trails.

Nick explained that the trail would be constructed near the south border of the park and go south east to the south of the Red Pine trail and would never cross a designated Mt. Peg hiking trail. It would join Woodstock Resort Corp ski trails south of the summit.

Commissioners expressed desire to walk the trails with members of WAMBA.

Nick and Matt asked to mark or flag the proposed multi-use trail.

Commissioners expressed support for the flagging and subsequent walk of proposed trail.

10. New Business - None

11. Next meeting

October 19, 2020 at 4:00