

**BILLINGS PARK COMMISSION**  
**On Zoom or at Town Hall**  
**Minutes of the 26 July 2021 Meeting**  
**4:30 pm**

**The BPC meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm. Present** for the meeting BPCommissioners Alison Clarkson, Rebecca Williams, Don Wheeler, Randy Richardson and guests: Bill Kerbin, Bill Corson, Michael Green and Wendy Marrinan....

1. The minutes from our BPC 21 June 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.
2. Jennifer Waite reported that Kent McFarland's Natural Communities/Eco System additions to the Park Management Plan should be ready for review by the end of September. Hopefully this plan will help us create a work schedule template as we manage the parks into the future.
3. BPC voiced their appreciation to Kent and Nick Mahood for their work mapping the invasives on Mt Peg – mowing and pulling them. Don reported that the mowing is continuing on schedule. And, to Randy Richardson who has undertaken clearing some of the trees which have come down recently.

Thanks also to Kat Robbins and Jennifer Waite for securing the VYCC crew who worked for 2 days on Mt Peg finishing the drainage project on the Summit Trail, cutting out the up-ended fencing on the Summit Trail and creating a water bar at the Mt Peg Trailhead. The water bar does a terrific job re-directing the water. We've had several major rain storms since it was built. Special thanks to the Town of Woodstock's Public Works Department for removing the fencing and providing the stone which lined the water bar. Great team work.

The WAMBA trail on Mt Peg continues to be developed and should be open in September. Sadly, the Franklin bench is not yet finished. We may need to find another bench builder as Willie is moving very soon.

4. Next steps on the Girl Scout Cabin: 1) further work identifying the sewage/water infrastructure; 2) getting a sense of the cost of renovating the Cabin so that it could be used seasonally; 3) we'll be reaching out to the various interested parties to see if they'd be willing to help finance these renovations.
5. 4 people have stepped and applied for the 2 open spots on the BPC: Michael Green, Wendy Jackson, Phil Robertson and Noel Pepe. They will be interviewed by the Selectboard soon.
6. BPC Commissioners were disappointed by the Selectboard's decision to not accept the gift of the Faulkner Park and Trail and the \$850,000 endowment to the Town of Woodstock. The BPC voiced their disappointment at the amount of misinformation that was generated and the polarized nature of the discussion around the Faulkner Trust gift proposal. We look forward to continuing our work with the Trust on the Faulkner Park and Trail restoration.
7. The BPC would like to be included in the discussions the Trustees and the Selectboard are having about bringing the new town parks under one umbrella. Bill Corson is leading this effort for the Trustees.
8. The next BPC meeting will be Monday September 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm at Town Hall and on Zoom.