

BILLINGS PARK COMMISSION
Minutes - Approved
27 September 2021
4:30 pm

In Attendance:

Billings Park Commission Members: Randy Richardson, Alison Clarkson, Rebecca Williams, Michael Green, Phil Robertson, Sam Segal, Julian Underwood

Marsh/Billings/Rockefeller National Park Liaison – Jennifer Waite

Woodstock Town Manager: Bill Kerbin

Woodstock Select Board Member: Mary Riley

Visitors: Kent McFarland, Wendy Marriman

1. Alison called the meeting to order at 4:33.
2. Alison moved the Chair and Secretary succession discussion until next month.
3. Minutes from 26 July 2021 accepted unanimously.
 - a. Randy reminded the Commission of the need for a volunteer day.
4. Welcome to new BPC Commissioners: Michael Green and Phil Robertson
 - a. Mike Green introduced himself. Moved with his family two years ago and works in climate and environmental policy.
 - b. Phil Robertson moved here two years ago. Active in outdoors and volunteer work in maintaining trails.
5. Update on Park Management Plan – Jennifer Waite

Jennifer reviewed the rationale for the Park Management Plan

 - Eco Systems/Natural Communities work - Kent McFarland
 - o Kent discussed a forest species inventory for much of the village, including Billings and Mt. Peg Park. He discussed the designation of part of Mt. Tom as a “deer yard”.
6. Continued work for 2021:
 - Tree clean up on Mt. Peg and Mt. Tom – Need to plan a volunteer day.
 - Update on Mowing & Invasives on Mt Peg – Alison reports that we are up to speed and last mowing can proceed.

- Update on WAMBA trail – Trail dedication last Sunday was a wonderful event to celebrate the completion of the trail.
 - Picnic table repair and U Bench replacement
6. Next steps for the Girl Scout Cabin
 - a. Becky reported that there is nothing new to report.
 7. Discussion of next steps with bringing all the Town Parks under one umbrella.
 - a. Bill Corson started putting together an inventory of town parks and others that are in the town of Woodstock.
 - b. Bill Kerbin shared this was part of an initiative to help in the envisioning of parks manager.
 - c. Jennifer mentioned that partnerships should be considered in this process.
 - d. Mary

 8. New Business – Julian will reach out to Hudson Maxham for him to present about his fire pit plan.

 9. Next meeting – Monday, October 25th, 2021

 10. Meeting Adjourned at 5:47