

BILLINGS PARK COMMISSION
Minutes - DRAFT
20 December 2021
4:30 pm

In Attendance:

Billings Park Commission Members: Alison Clarkson, Don Wheeler, Rebecca Williams, Michael Green, Phil Robertson, Julian Underwood

Marsh/Billings/Rockefeller National Park Liaison

Woodstock Town Manager: Bill Kerbin

Woodstock Select Board Member: Mary Riley

Visitors: Bill Corson

1. Becky called the meeting to order at 4:39.
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3. Minutes from 25 October 2021
 - a. Julian moved to amend the minutes to include Don Wheeler in attendance and to reflect Alison's considerable years of service to BPC which is greater than 30 years.
 - b. Phil seconded.
 - c. Approved unanimously.
4. Minutes from 15 November 2021
 - a. Julian moved to amend to include Don Wheeler in attendance.
Seconded: Phil
Approved unanimously.
5. Accolades for Alison Clarkson and her many years of service to Billings Park Commission. Becky thanked Alison for her many years of service. Alison stated that she has enjoyed public service for the sake of our public land.
Don stated his appreciation for Alison and expressed his enjoyment in working with Alison for these many years.
6. Doggie Bag Update
 - a. Becky noted that doggie bag kiosks are numerous in the village.

- b. None present indicated an urgent need for a doggie bag kiosk as it would need to be accompanied by a garbage receptacle. Given that location it was determined that no action would be taken at this time.

7. Weddings at Mt. Peg Update

- a. Bill K. reported that he had not heard back from the couple who inquired about a wedding ceremony.
- b. Mary stated that she performed a wedding at the base of the Village Trail for a couple today.
- c. Discussion of what a permitting process should look like.
- d. Alison suggested we wait until the Select Board gets more clarity on the potential of the park coordinator.

8. Mt. Peg Outdoor Classroom for Preschoolers Update

- a. Becky wondered if the logs had been delivered.
- b. Alison reported that as of last week they were not there.
- c. Becky will check with Randy.

9. Girl Scout Cabin Updates

- a. Becky reported that there is no update. Discussions are ongoing with Eric Tobiason about an estimate.
- b. The aqueduct company could service that locations.
- c. It is unknown how the outflow would work.

10. Continued work for 2022:

- Work for Mt. Tom
Becky reported that Kent is working on the Park Managements.
- Potential dates for Kent are Jan 20th, Jan 27th, and Feb. 3rd.
 - Town hall is occupied Feb 3rd.
 - Tentative date for Kent is January 20th.
- Schedule for 2022 (invasives & mowing) - Mt. Peg
 - Park Management plan will include a mowing regime.
- Becky will reach out to the trustees of Faulkner Park for potential trail work.
- Alison mentioned that the Precipice Trail should be a priority.
- Fire Pit, Picnic table repair and U Bench replacement

- Alison offered to reach out to Charlie Shackleton to see if he is interested in helping with the bench.

11. Discussion of next steps with bringing all the Town Parks under one umbrella – Bill Corson

- a. Bill reported that he presented to the select board about a Parks coordinator. It is being considered by the Select Board.

12. New Business

- a. Alison stated that it is about time to think about the BPC report for inclusion in the Town of Woodstock report.

13. Becky adjourned the meeting at 5:34 pm.