

Open Space Committee

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Virtual 3:00pm

Minutes

1. Attendance and Approval of Minutes: Present were Carrie Rennie, chair, Dawn Ackerman, Sue Simmons, Lucy Abisalih, Mel Briggie, and Sandy Venner. Motion by Lucy and Dawn to approve December 16, 2020 minutes passed.
2. Coordination of update Trail Maps with MVPC: Sue has sent her trail mapping results to Jerrard Whitten. Once MVPC sends revised draft, decide how to depict trails that enter private property, for most will place sign "Town Forest property ends here". Have discussion with Greenbelt about assisting with crossing of Cobblers Brook connecting their property to the Town Forest.
3. Follow-up on Trail management: Suggested ask BOS to appoint OSC as managers of Perkins Conservation Area. Dawn will draft request language using CR with Greenbelt as guide. Sue will ask Jerrard if MVPC can help with management.
4. Other:
- It is on Con Com agenda tonight to discuss appointment of Trustees for Town Forest.
 - Next Junior Ecologist Journal will feature animal tracking in the snow.
 - Mel will talk to Con Com about installing signs by retention ponds.
 - Request from Pentucket Art Council to identify sites where mural of local activity could be paired with nature activity. Not able to identify town property with sufficient visibility next to a trail, but Kenoza Vending building with development of land across the street could offer such a pairing.
5. Schedule next meeting: Meetings will be the 4th Tuesday at 4 pm when feasible.

Sandra Venner

February 17, 2021