

Open Space Committee

Thursday, October 29, 2020

Virtual 7:00pm

Minutes

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Attendance and Approval of Minutes: Present were Carrie Rennie, Chair, Dawn Ackerman, Mel Briggie, Sue Simmons, Lucy Abisalih and Sandy Venner. Motion by Carrie and Dawn to approve September 24, 2020 minutes passed.

- II. Update Trail Maps- Discussion with Jerrard Whitten, MVPC: Jerrard said MVPC could provide drafts maps of what they have on file for open space and town trails for the committee to review and indicated needed updates. Sue will use a GPS system to map trails not currently shown. Then MVPC will create new maps for the website and hard copies. Jerrard will create a draft Scope of Services for approval for the work that can be provided through Local Technical Assistance (LTA) credits for Merrimac.
- III. Junior Ecologist Journal Program: In addition to placing journals in the trail map boxes, Sue has sent a notice to the teachers and posted it on the town website. Ten booklets have been picked up so far although none have yet been returned. Sue presented some ideas for small prizes for random drawing among those submitted. Motion made by Dawn and seconded by Lucy and voted to authorize Sue to spend up to \$70 on prizes.
- IV. Installation of missing trail signs and signs for retention ponds: Carrie will arrange a Saturday date for trail sign installation for those who want to participant. She has an ATV to use to haul materials. Sandy will resend Mel the wording for the Retention pond signs and he will get a price estimate. It was decided to ask Con Com if they can cover this out of their budget.
- V. Upcoming Spring Projects with others: Trail ecology walk with Tim Simmons. Fairy Houses on the McLaren Trail with Garden Club. Story pages at Carey Park with Library.
- VI. Announcements and Schedule next meeting: Sue has set up the OS town email account and will get info for posting on website and Facebook from Heather.

Next meeting will be Tues., Nov. 24, 2020 at 7 pm at Town Hall if possible or via Zoom.

Sandra Venner

November 19, 2020