

Open Space Committee

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Virtual 4:00pm

Minutes

- I. Attendance and Approval of Minutes: Present were Dawn Ackerman, Sue Simmons, Lucy Abisalih and Sandy Venner. Motion by Lucy and Dawn to approve November 24, 2020 minutes passed.
- II. Maintaining Trails in Perkins Conservation Area- David Rimmer, Greenbelt: Due to concern of mountain bike activity on the Innis and Marshview Trails, David Rimmer from Greenbelt was asked to attend as Greenbelt holds the conservation restriction for the Perkins Conservation Area. He reported that Greenbelt only actively maintains the trails on the land they own, but mountain bikes are generally allowed. He suggests engaging all trail users and meeting with NE Mountain Bike Asso. – North Shore chapter. He was asked to provide examples of signage Greenbelt uses. David also provided an update on the status of the property Greenbelt has purchased off of Battis Road. Trail development was put on hold in 2020, but should happen in 2021.
- III. Town web page updates: Sue has made updates and learning how to have the page link to our own website like the Library's so it can have slides and more trail information.
- IV. Other: Sandy has identified a closet on the second floor of Town Hall that can be designated for storage of Open Space items. Once Town Hall is again open, we can arrange to deposit items there. Sue is considering new strategies for the Junior Ecologist Program to attract participation. Dawn, with her husband Don, will coordinate with Carrie to place more trail signs.
- V. Schedule next meeting: Meetings will be the 4th Tuesday at 4 pm when feasible.

Sandra Venner

January 21, 2021