

Barrington Recreation Department
February 11, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 10:02 am

Present: Chair Charles Tatham, Denis Beaulieu, David Smith, John Wallace, Marika Wilde, Anne Melvin,
Guests :Barrington Recreation Director Tara Barker, Barrington Library Children Librarian Wendy Rowe
Minutes of 1/12/2016 were approved as amended.

New Business:

Tara had requested that we have a joint meeting to discuss mutual interests. She would like to work together with the Trails Committee on increasing participation of hikes, offering educational programs and expanding the advertising of hikes. She expressed concern about inappropriate use of the Goodwill parking area for drug use. She suggested getting other organizations involved such as NH Fish and Game or Trout Unlimited with the goal of getting children outside in nature after school. Other middle schools are involved. She belongs to the Coalition for Children in Nature.

Wendy had requested to be included in the joint meeting as she would like the use of one of the town owned trails such as the Kids of the River trail for a Story Walk TM Project. She explained the process of laminating book pages and putting them on stakes 40 paces apart on a trail. Charlie offered to make a box for a sign in book. Possible trails for this project were discussed.

Old Business:

Survey questions for the Hikers' List were discussed and revised for distribution.

Projects list: The SATWaSR kiosk on 125 and Barrington Trail/ball field entrance needs signage. Charlie will send an e-mail with the rest of the projects list.

The next trail walk will be the SELT walk on Stonehouse Forest 3/12/16. 5/1/16 Dan Hubbard will lead a bird walk. Charlie Moreno will lead another rabbitat walk in the spring or summer.

John is working on the compilation of the Trails Booklet. He would like to name it "James Schulz Walking Trails of Barrington". Denis will research grants to help with the cost of printing the booklet.

New Business continued:

Anne brought up the issue of having some of our trailheads plowed in the winter to encourage people to use our trails all year round. Tibbetts Road, Town Forest, Calef Isinglass Preserve, 125 Rabbitat parking, Goodwill and Stonehouse Pond were suggested.

Update re: Calef parking lot. The selectmen have agreed on the roadwork needed for 15' road width leading from the barn to the parking lot, the construction of the parking lot and the northern exclusion area turn around to be put out for 3 bids.

Ken Grossman has been working on a list of Barrington conservation properties with public access, some town owned, some not.

Meeting adjourned at 12:37pm. Next meeting is 3/8/16 at the Barrington Elementary Library

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Melvin