

Lyndeborough Conservation Commission, March 10, 2016

Members in attendance:

Sharon Akers, Kurt Berna, Greg Kreider, Mike Hasty, Mike Decubellis

Minutes taken by: Kurt Berna

Town Meeting

Mike D. will speak on town forest at the town meeting. 17 acre town property to provide access to Rose from Scout road, expand conservation, and improve property access parking area. Once a town forest will be under management by Con Com.

If approved we will plan a time to walk the site and map out the trail route.

New business

Email from Dave Penney to selectmen suggesting a cleanup for the town. Suggested posting on the Lyndeborough outdoor recreation Facebook page. (add link from Sharon's email...) Advertise at high school.

Sign at Badger Pond Boat access noting that it is "public boat access", owners have granted easement to access pond. Easement is managed by Con Com.

Provide a link on the Con Com site to conservation map to educate population of land that they have access to.

Mike Hasty ready to hand over position as he is moving this year.

Greg went to regional meeting, Milford Brookline Mason Hillsborough. He will keep going to future meetings. You can get crew from Hillsborough prison for about \$1000 to help with public projects.

Forest Society planning on doing a cut on Whitimer road, time timber tour during the community day?

Cold Brook –

- Loggers from a property on Cold Brook off of New Road has been heavily logged in recent weeks and lots of slash was left behind in the water itself. Cold Brook contains minnows, trout fish populations and feeds into the Purgatory. There also seemed to be a lot more stream crossing than were necessary. Sharon emailed forester and asked if they lefty too much slash, have not received response yet.

Putnam Pond

Steps to take:

- Site walk: to be scheduled in the spring – April or May – what about Earth Day. Tentative date for a walk through is April 17th at 10:00 am.
- Plan a public walk or announcement later
- Then Meet with the Town Administrator and Kent to discuss property improvements.

Purgatory Falls:

- Town has placed barrels at both ends and have already emptied the barrels.
- Kent has planned on emptying on weekly basis.
- Already an improvement to the trash at parking areas.

Mila Paul – discussed sign design

Nice to have engraved map of trail from North to South that people can reference.

Can we add a map to the sign? Mila presented a simple map as an example. Map made by a commission member, can we show private land owners? Mila will contact SVLT about placing signs, Jesse Salisbury, Spencer Brooks, Whitney member on SVLT, can help with placing signs. SVLT easement, Lyndeborough property. Map with trails and boundaries of public land (only).

Mila provided examples of signs from Mont Vernon Con Com for trail rules trail name signs, and blazes.

Sign discussion: Heading instead of “rules and regulations”, can be “access to purgatory falls”. “Prohibited” should be at bottom of sign, less focus on rules and more on that this is access to conservation land. More focus on invite people to land and not rules. Also focus on respect the land. Note “dangerous is icy conditions”. “Highly erodible area, leave only footprints”. “Carry In Carry out” This is a mix of private and public land, please respect the landowners.” Small print on the bottom “Alcohol and fires not permitted”

Is there an overlay that shows the boundaries of the property for the map?

Can we add QR code on sign that links to map? Will code work on sign when enlarged?

Mila can get town seal from Cindy to add to the text sign, not on the map sign.

Positive rather than prohibitive

Jen Weston (Lynd. P officer), suggested “lock cars and leave valuables out of sight”

Asked Mila if they could also produce “Boat access” signs as well. They will provide cost for the signs.

Sign should indicate “upper” and “lower” falls.

To Do:

- Ask for print outs of logging permits
- Publicize clean up
- Review Mila’s proofs once we receive

Next Meeting is April 14th

Meeting adjourned 8:43 pm.