

MINOT FOREST COMMITTEE AGENDA

Meeting Minutes 05/19/2015

B1 (basement) - Wareham Town Hall, 54 Marion Road Wareham

Present: Sandy Slavin (chair), Sandra Devlin (clerk), Angela Dunham

Open meeting at 06:08 pm, close meeting at 06:55pm

Minutes from the meeting held on 12/04/14 minutes were approved 3-0-0

Guests: Sarah Gossett from Save Buzzards Bay Coalition, Joe Ligett from CPC and Open Space,
Nicole Litchfield from Open Space

Old Business:

Sarah Gossett brought the committee up to date on the Reading book project along the Minot Trails. Despite the bad winter weather, 44 people signed the guestbook for the Storybook Walk along the forest trails.

The second part of the project for Save Buzzards Bay Coalition is moving along nicely. This next part of the project includes:

- Improving the infrastructure for outside projects. Included in the project would be making the trail markers more informative. Possible ideas include color coding of the trails and indicating trail length.
- Getting children more involved in the outdoors. Trails could be included in classroom and/or afterschool projects.

In regards to improving the infrastructure, the Coalition would like approval to post signs on the trees using stainless steel screws.

In June, the goal was to take the 4th graders for a walk along the trails. The children would be asked to make drawings of sights along the trails and these drawings would be used for booklets and signs along the trails.

Sara did mention that along B trail there were a lot of downed trees and exposed roots.

Red Pine Harvest-Replanting and Parking Area:

Proposed use of the Red Pine Area

Nicole suggested using approximately 1 acre of the Red Pine area as a non-profit dog park. The forest deed from 1993 allows for passive recreation so that a dog park would be permissible. The park would be open from dawn until dusk. Include in the park area would be 2-3 picnic tables. All park costs would be covered by donations. Further discussion and plans to be brought to the committee but overall the committee voted 3-0 in favor of the proposal.

Angie Dunham was reappointed to the committee by a 3-0 vote.

Next Meeting: July 9th, 2015 at 6PM

Submitted

Sandy Devlin, Clerk

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approved 9/10/15
vote 3-0-0
Sandy Slavin chair

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