



SHP TRAIL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**August 16, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

**Room A, Stratham Municipal Center
10 Bunker Hill Avenue- Stratham, NH 03885**

- I. Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 6:04PM.
- II. Roll Call
Committee members in person: Scott Zeller, Seth Hickey, Kate Dardinski, Patricia Weideman and Bill McCarthy, Kevin O'Brien. Connie Gillman, resident.
- III. Meeting minutes approved from 7/21 by committee.
- IV. Review of Public Forum & synthesizing data
 - Kate reviewed community open meeting (August 4th) outcomes. Would have preferred a larger group; however, there were positive outcomes and no real surprises. Concerns raised were not different from those which the committee has discussed. Kate and Trish will work to consolidate survey data and meeting notes. Draft presentation will be prepared by Kate prior to the next meeting on September 15th.
 - Ms. Gillman raised continued concerns about the park vs. remaining properties. She thinks that people at the August 4th meeting were "only concerned about the park per se" - meaning the area closest to Portsmouth Avenue with infrastructure.
- V. Subcommittee Development
 - Suggest forming some subcommittees for target tasks, e.g. data collection, signage, trail maintenance, addressing dog guests at the park. Subcommittees to make recommendations to the full committee for additional actions.
 1. Data collection subcommittee: Bill, Scott. Examples: Data collection proposals and multi- tiered approach. Scott and Kevin will do the demos for already identified, suggested solutions using counters, etc. (e.g. Keene has been starting to use counters.)
 2. Signage subcommittee: Trish and Kate.
 3. Trail maintenance subcommittee: Bill, Kate, Trish. Examples: Make a target plan. Focus on "low-hanging fruit" for trail maintenance, e.g., Lower Father-Son (Dave Emanuel is land owner who has some other "Plans". Bridges in disrepair or even dangerous. Seth will be an advisor to all subcommittees.
 4. Dog-Owner Use of park. Kevin, Scott, Trish. Examples: Survey other locales and their dog-use policies. Possible solutions will be explored, e.g., "Dog Pass".

Target date for subcommittee status reports: 6 September 2021

VI. Other topics for action or discussion:

- Opportunities for more outreach (Bill)
- Stewardship program and volunteer program
- Social media opportunities that encompass our remit. Stratham Hill Park on Facebook. Kate advocates a way to gather information about the park from users, seek volunteers. Seth will review Social Media policy to verify if our group can manage our own page.

Next meeting: September 15th at 6 PM.

Meeting adjourned: 6:36 PM