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**SHP TRAIL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
AGENDA  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
October 6th, 2021  
7:00 P.M.**

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

To access materials related to this meeting, please see this link:

<https://www.strathamnh.gov/parks-recreation/stratham-hill-park-trail-management-advisory-committee>

- I. Call to Order 7:03 PM
- II. Attendance: Kate Dardinski, Kevin O'Brien, Greg Blood, Edie Barker, Trish Weideman, Scott Zeller, Seth Hickey
- III. Review and approval of minutes from 9/15/21 meeting: Postpone approval of 15 September 2021 minutes. Google Drive is not accessible for all.
- IV. Subcommittee progress report:
  - A. Data collection: Scott and Kate presented a proposal to the Stratham Hill Park Association for acquiring counters. Scott reported on the outcomes of a meeting with the Stratham Hill Park Association to discuss potential for funding for a counter. Budget planning will be required. Legal implications of using counters must be investigated. Proceed as planned with presentations.
  - B. Signage: Kate went out on trails to catalog kinds of signage. Spreadsheet made by Kate. Need better trail intersection marking. Goal for consistent signage, potential partner for SELT. Examples: sensitive habitat, trail closures, private property, dog use (leash vs non-leash), shared use (etiquette). Will need permission from landowners/stakeholders to ascertain agreement for consistent signage amongst different properties. Kevin suggests use of Park Logo to reduce vandalism or moving of signs.  
Kate also investigated "Best Practices" for use in potential adoption of committee recommendations. E.G Crockett Farm Trail built/marked by AMC standards.
  - C. **Use Group:** No report. Challenge is managing expectations. Public seems to think that the committee will be coming up with some "rules". Need to develop a proposal about how we want

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to communicate rationales for each step of this project, management of trails and how use can affect use. Policy should be formed with public input. Education is essential for better management use, e.g. stewardship program, “friends of the park”. Seek outside experts about use, e.g. wildlife management, fish & game biologist.

- D. Trail Work planning(Bill). Trail maintenance plan for Fall 2021. Selected days during which volunteers will perform remediation work on Tote Road and Kitty Rock Trails. Tote Road work includes spreading gravel material to fill holes and cover roots. Kitty Rock Road work will include closure of adjacent trails, installation of water bars, fixing low areas near school (lowland and appropriate drainage to be maintained). Material for Kitty Rock to make water bars to prevent erosion using a rubberized conveyor belt (stored next to the pump track). Dates: October 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00A-12N (Tote Road) and November 6<sup>th</sup> (9:00 A-12:00 N). Informed by social media, signage at park, town bulletin.

Two loads of gravel were delivered and stored near the pump track. Material for Kitty Rock to make water bars to prevent erosion using a rubberized conveyor belt (stored next to the pump track). Seth wants to meet with a couple of people from that subcommittee to review logistics, evaluate status/quantity of materials, etc.

Suggested Goal: Do one volunteer project/year and one contracted project for more intensive projects. Question of scope of the committee, especially with respect to presentation of plan vs. actual organization of work vs. remit for this committee was brought forward. The Committee agreed these projects could be considered pilot projects to strengthen the position and recommendations of this committee. Primary goal is to get the community involved.

- V. Trail Day - October 24th
- VI. Regroup and next steps for committee/subcommittee
- VII. Next steps: Continue to look at all trails and prioritize maintenance. Seth will put together some cost estimates. Budget requests must be presented to the Town Board for potential funding by the deadline for warrant-article requests.
- VIII. Next Meeting - October 20th
- IX. Adjournment 8:25PM

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