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SHP TRAIL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA COMMITTEE MEETING October 12, 2022 7:00 P.M.

Stratham Municipal Center 10 Bunker Hill Avenue- Stratham, NH 03885

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

- I. Call to Order 7:03 PM
- II. ATTENDANCE: Kate Dardinski, Edie Barker, Kevin O'Brien, Seth Hickey, Greg Blood GUESTS: John Singleton
- III. Update on Jack Rabbit
 - A. Meeting with the Stratham Police Department:

Seth, Kevin and Kate met with the Stratham Police Department on 9/27 to discuss enforcement options for the Jack Rabbit lot moving forward. TMAC and the SPD agreed that pursuing permanent resident-only parking restrictions for the lot was best achieved by an ordinance change. Also discussed was who would be enforcing the parking restrictions - SPD, possibly an animal control officer if the Town decides to create that position.

B. Leash regulations:

Leash restrictions were also discussed at the meeting. The group agreed that the current ordinances which restrict off leash dogs in certain areas should be enforced. Another meeting with the SPD will be set up to discuss this.

C. Eco Counter Update:

Seth was able to get approval for the funds to purchase 1 Eco Counter unit. Half the funds came from the Recreation Commission, the other half from the Stratham Hill Park Association. Seth will work with the sales rep to determine proper installment. TMAC agreed that it would be good to obtain more than one of these units.

IV. Sign Plan

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A. It was agreed that it would be difficult to implement a partial signage plan. The TMAC will bring in an expert to discuss next steps on the trail signage plan.

V. Trail Maintenance Update:

- A. Soggy Dollar reroute will be completed by Seacoast NEMBA this Fall. Seth met with them and they understood the scope of the project. A section of the Soggy Dollar trail will be closed near the field to protect the wetland that extends into the corner of the mowed field. A new trail will be constructed to help ensure that wetland is restored.
- B. Meeting with SELT: Barker improvements
 - Seth, Edie and Kate met with a SELT representative to discuss some trail issues along the Barker and Barker/field connector trail. The lower bridge which connects to the field from Barker will be replaced with new construction enabling the wetland to be restored. Currently visitors hike through the wetland due to a failing structure. This work will be completed before the ground freezes after SELT approves the project.
 - 2. On the same site walk, the bottom of Barker near the agricultural fields was inspected and it was agreed to help improve the trail surface on the uphill side of the boardwalk that passes over a stream. This work will also be completed this Fall with approval from SELT.
 - 3. A work day for Tote Road and Kitty Rock maintenance was scheduled for November 6.
- VI. Next meeting: November 16th, 7:00 PM.
- VII. Meeting adjourned. 8:12 PM