

Open Space Committee

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

Virtual 7:00pm

Minutes

- I. Attendance and Approval of Minutes: Present were Carrie Rennie, Chair, Dawn Ackerman, Sue Simmons, Lucy Abisalih and Sandy Venner. Motion by Carrie and Dawn to approve October 29, 2020 minutes passed.
- II. Update Trail Maps and other trail activities: Carrie and her husband installed some new trail signs in the Town Forest. Carrie also discovered she has additional signs in storage. She will send a list of these so we know what we have for inventory. Sandy and Carrie approved the Scope of Services for Local Technical Assistance (LTA) credits for trail and open space map updates to be developed by Jerrard Whitten at MVPC. Sandy will get MVPC Commissioner approval needed. Dawn reported on mountain bike activity by kids on the Innis and Marshview Trails. Sandy will ask Greenbelt to advise us on this as they hold the conservation restriction for the Perkins Conservation Area.
- III. Junior Ecologist Journal Program: Although several booklets have been picked up so far, Sue reported none have yet been returned. Other suggestions were made for publicizing this initiative. Motion made by Dawn and seconded by Sandy to reimburse Sue Simmons \$66.40 for carbines she got to use as prize for this and future projects.
- IV. Other: Carrie reported that apparently no one has been appointed as Trustees of the Town Forest for some time and it would be good to be able to coordinate with this board. Sandy will check into this and urged people who might be interested in serving to notify the Board of Selectmen. Sue has been updating the Open Space page on the town website. She will add past agendas and minutes and hopefully be able to create a link to the Junior Ecologist page. It was suggested that a space be designated at Town Hall for storage of Open Space items. Sandy will look into this.
- V. Schedule next meeting: Next meeting will be Wed., Dec. 16, 2020 at 4 pm via Zoom. The committee needs to confirm if the 4th Tuesday is best for future meetings.

Sandra Venner

December 10, 2020