

Next Meeting: 8-November-2017

Attending: Rob Anderegg, Guy Crosby, John Dumas, Dean Greenberg, Knox Johnson, Cordie Merritt, and Zach Ralph

Topics Discussed:

Rob asked for and received approval of our September minutes.

Cordie gave a treasurers report. Currently we have \$13,645 in the CTF and \$1600 remaining in this year's appropriation. If this is not used it will be transferred to the CTF. Please send a note to Cordie regarding any bills submitted to the Town relating to our account.

Suggestions were put forward regarding information we may want to include in a "Guide to Town Parks" we may develop. Areas like North Hartland Lake and Eshqua Bog, VAST, Winter Trails, as well as Town owned properties may be included in such a Guide. Information could include facilities available, parking, trails, expected flora and fauna. This may result in a cumbersome guide so reference could be made to iNaturalist for greater details.

As we consider a note to stream abutters material from Two Rivers could provide a pattern. The rules that exist are little known and owners would benefit from information and guidance. Marie Caduto may be willing to make a presentation and owners would be invited to attend. The volunteer at High Meadows could be utilized to increase publicity of such an activity.

Zach spoke on the Sierra Club's "Ready for 100%" program. It encourages towns to become 100% efficient relative to energy, transport and heating. Woodstock has an agreement with Norwich Technologies (NT) to utilize solar generated electricity from an array planned for the intersection of Routes 4 and 12. It may save Woodstock \$13,000 a year in electricity costs. There may be 75 to 100KW available to Hartland from this arrangement. NT could contact our town if this works out. A proposed tariff on imported panels may increase their cost 30 to 60%. Panel cost has already risen about 30% as installers order more panels in anticipation of imposition of this tariff.

Inventories related to Town properties have already started. Rob suggested that these data could be added to iNaturalist by way of CSV files. Gateway Park was suggested as an alternative name for the Summarsell parcel. However the term "park" may not suggest the area is an active agricultural plot. Cordie will speak to Carmen for her feelings towards any name change.

Encroachment at the 17 acre wood remains unchanged. It may be taken up in the future. No news was forthcoming from the school regarding their willingness to help pay for a comprehensive plan to expand access to the parcel. Should we have an easement on the land was discussed briefly with no conclusion. The “Wednesday in the Woods” blog (wednesdayinthewoods.blogspot.com) is current.

Jay Boeri will make a presentation on the history of Sumner’s Falls on 15-Oct at noon. Water release from Wilder Dam restricts the visitation time in which to see some of the artifacts. On the NH side there may be some names carved into the rock by men running logs down the river many years ago. A river cleanup in September was suggested for Lull’s Brook. Stream access could be problematic. The cause of frequent high reading of E. coli in the brook behind the Tessier home has yet to be discovered

The Howe family has contacted UVLT regarding plans for their farm. They hope to complete the process in the near future. This may be a project we could use to encourage donations to the CTF.

Knox will look into the cost of replacing our banner which seems to have disappeared.

Submitted by Dean Greenberg