

Conservation Land Ad Hoc Committee minutes of the 12/10/2020 meeting

Present: Dan Badger, Bob Bentley, Savery Moore, and Sarah Hewins, Chair.
Amanda from Area 58 Community Access TV was recording the meeting.

1. Chair opened the meeting at 6:01 p.m.
2. Review of Walk Off the Stuffing walk: Dan suggested several things to improve:
 - Safety brief needed next time
 - Get a bunch of orange vests for guests
 - Share safety flyers/ things to bring with participants
 - Have 2 people from committee with 1st aid kits
 - Put one person from committee in front of line and one at back of line

Savery suggested we make a definitive start time and have a Q and A person from committee remain at trail head for late comers. Bob asked that Dan send us a list of Crews TO DO and walkers TO DO. Dan made the motion and Savery 2nd that if we have another organized event and people under our care that we have a safety talk first; Savery 2nd: vote 4-0 in favor.

Savery: put on next agenda to itemize what we need to make sure the money is there for incidentals such as safety vests. Dan said he got a lot of positive feedback from others about the walk.

Sarah to get standardized waiver forms from SB office.

Dan: keep sharing info on events in events tab and on various FB pages. Savery asked that we get message to the Carver Reporter earlier!

3. Bob 1st, Savery 2nd to table the minutes of 11/7 and 11/12/2020. Vote 4-0 in favor.
4. Savery said that he and Dan and Dan's friend and his son blazed a new trail and then went back and tagged it all. Dan also tagged southern end of trail. Savery said he and Dan went down to the very southern end of the trail and made a new trail. The new one has orange flags. They did the area Susan Thatcher was talking about. Savery discussed parking saying there's an area for some parking behind the old building on the north end of Savery

Avenue. Bob said there's a significant trail at the north end that could lead from a parking area at the north end to the trailhead by the kiosk.

5. Dan suggested we do preliminary work on Indian Street. Bob concurred and said there are a lot of trees down on the Indian Brook Conservation Land. He also said that the Community Preservation Committee also has a proposal in front of them by the Buzzards Bay Coalition to buy land that abuts Indian Brook Conservation Land. Sarah asked if we want to do Blue/Orange trails on Cole Property first or start with Indian Brook? Dan thought we should put a bow on Savery Avenue and then flag Indian Brook. Bob agreed saying we should clear out Camden Trail (on Indian Brook land) to make it passable. Sarah asked which does the committee want to do first; we need a plan. Dan was for cleaning up what we've got. Savery thinks Savery Avenue is okay except for upper trail and that that's a spring job. Dan wants to see chain saw work out of the way by winter. Savery 1st, Dan 2nd that our next job will be clearing Indian Brook, flagging it, and getting volunteers to help with that. Vote was 4-0 in favor.
6. Next trail walk: Savery 1st, Dan 2nd to postpone another walk until we get more info from the state on COVID guidelines. 4-0 in favor.
7. Name of our committee: Savery 1st Dan 2^{ns} to change our name to the Facebook name established by Dan and to ask the Select Board to approve the name change and to get a town email. 4-0 in favor.
8. Savery 1st, Dan 2nd to table models / templates until name change enacted. Vote 4-0 in favor.
9. 9. Bring in environmental groups and horseback riders. Bob doesn't want to encourage horses at Camden Trail or Savery Avenue because they're too small an area for horses. Savery asked Bob if he was thinking of establishing a new trail for horses at the Cole Property and Bob said he was. Dan said there are a lot of horse farms abutting the Cole Property and that maybe we could get cooperation from these farmers for possible equine detours.
10. Interpretive signage: Bob 1st, Savery 2nd to table. Vote 4-0 in favor.
11. Savery 1st, Dan 2nd to adjourn; adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Hewins, Chair (clerk pro tem for this meeting)