



Pondicherry Park Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes – August 30, 2018 at Dunning Bridge, Bridgton, Maine

Roll call: Brian Cushing, Chair; Mary Jewett, LEA rep; Bear Zaidman, Selectman; Allen Erler, LELT rep and Secretary.

Brian called the meeting to order at 4:35pm.

Minutes:

Mary Jewett requested a change in the July 26, 2018 minutes. The new Story Book signs were placed at new trail locations in the Park. The minutes were approved with this change.

Brian Cushing commented on the meeting that our committee and the Select board held, remarking that it was a civil positive meeting and resulted in agreement that an arborist would be hired to evaluate the tree hazards at the park. Subsequently, an arborist was hired and is proceeding with the evaluation and a report can be expected soon.

Bear stated that the town manager was waiting for the forester's report that was obtained by Jon Evans. Mary said that she had sent that report to Bob Peabody but will follow through to make sure that he has the report.

Newly elected officers on the committee:

Mary Jewett was elected committee chair. Vice chair was tabled to our next meeting. Allen will check with Jon Evan to switch Jon to LELT rep and Allen to LELT alternate and continuing as secretary. The new board member was Bear Zaidman, replacing Bob Murphy. Leigh Hayes, Dick Bennett, and Dan Edwards will continue to be on the committee.

New business:

A discussion was held on how often our committee should meet. This was tabled until the next meeting.

We thanked Brian Cushing for his service as committee chair. A job was well done, and appreciated by all committee members. Also, we thank Bob Murphy for his time on the committee.

Our next meeting will be on September 27, 2018 at the Dunning Bridge.

Allen Erler, Secretary