



Pondicherry Park Stewardship Committee

Meeting Minutes – December 5th 2019 5:00pm

Present: Bob Peabody, Town Manager; Mary Jewett, LEA Rep and Chair; Mark Lagoda, Town Rep; Jon Evans, LEA Rep; Leigh Hayes, LEA alternate and clerk; Dan Edwards, Town Rep; Kyle Warren, Bridgton resident

Unable to attend: Glenn Zaidman, Town rep; Rick Klausner, LEA alternate; Bob Murphy, Selectboard Liaison

New Public Service Director: Appreciation noted of Public Service Director David Madsen's quick attention to a tree across a trail.

Non-resident on Committee: A gentleman from Portland had been cutting bittersweet vines. While well intentioned, no one should cut anything without permission. **Action necessary:** Send letter thanking him for his help, but moving forward he needs to contact David Madsen, Public Services Director, for permission. Mary will type letter and share with Town Manager before sending to the man.

Trail Work Update: In October, committee worked in park to open drainage ditches and other areas of concern. Jon suggested each committee member adopt trail to check on 2-3 times/year; and especially after each storm. **Action necessary:** Jon will work up a trail list for adoptees in February. On a related matter, Jon and Mark will set new Pasture Trail post on Friday, December 13.

Dog Trail Stream Crossing: LEA ED Colin Holmes concerned about lack of boardwalk at the start of loop. **Action necessary:** Replacement will occur during April. Committee members will work in partnership with town to create.

Hospital Boardwalk: Water issue; committee will discuss this with Public Services Director; question of using culverts under the boardwalk or other suggestions. Town can help create a plan and committee will provide assistance. **Action necessary:** Add to Feb agenda.

Hazard Tree Update: Town employees took some down. Big trees need to come down. Town needs to re-evaluate dropping of trees. Q-Team or Everett McCabe may be on tap next to complete the job. **Action necessary:** Jon Evans, Bob Peabody, and Dave Madsen will evaluate on December 9 at 2pm.



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Other:

Barking Up a Bridge Brochures: Action necessary: Mary will contact Gary Colello to have more printed.

Update Committee Roster: Action necessary: Bob Peabody will check on current roster.

Earth Day In Pondicherry Park: Consider committee sponsoring this with several activities.

Invoices for Park Work: Submit at meetings or give to either Financial Officer Charisse Keach, Public Services Director David Madsen, or Town Manager Bob Peabody.

Sign Inventory: Action necessary: Jon will provide for committee members at future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Macmillen Hayes, committee clerk