

Minutes of the November 15 meeting of the Rockland Preserve Management Committee

Members Present: Joe Oslander, Tim Burton, Jason Engelhardt, Lori Lodge

Meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM.

Minutes: November 2017 minutes approved 8:08

CIRMA, USI meeting planned for February 13, 2:30. Recommendation to consider IMBA and NEMBA about insurance if CIRMA restricts policy.

Discussion of Jon's proposed trail adjustments, consensus to wait to discuss until after the CIRMA meeting.

Footbridge for the wildflower walk. Interest from a boy scout.

Chittenden interest in seed collection at Rockland for Smith College Arboretum. Consensus to ask for a description of the process so that we can pass on details to Beach and Rec and Bob Kuchta of Wetlands for approval.

Hunting: Regulations against bows and guns at Rockland Preserve since the establishment of the Preserve. Interest from Tim Burton about hunting to control the deer population, ticks, and and vegetation loss due to overpopulation. Joe Oslander said that this would have to be a board of selectmen concern. First step would be deer population data. Joe raised concern about hunting in proximity to other users. Tim will explore population survey.

Surveillance cameras (trail cameras) \$400-500 and would connect to phones via wifi. Problem with motion activated due to the amount of use. Alternate idea to put up blank cameras and signs for surveillance that people are being monitored. Recommendation to contact Art Sickle if this cams are to be installed.

Bike Park planning and fundraising on track. People for Bikes Grant was not accepted. REI has promised another grant for 2018. We should be on track for installation May of 2018.

Interest raised in getting a pump company to check on a mechanical well option next to 79 lot. Lock needs to be cut.

Playground funding is waiting on funding options from CIP.

Coan Pond trail reports. Thank you to Nick Lodge for completing the trail reports.

CCLM March 17. "Working with communities of mountain bikers" Jason will present based on Rockland Preserve

Meeting ended 9:12

The next meeting will be March 21, 2018, at 7:30PM, at the NMVFC Fire House.