

Subject to Approval

Minutes of March 28 meeting of the Rockland Preserve Management Committee

Members Present: Joe Oslander, Dave Okomoto, Jason Engelhardt, Scot Erskine

Meeting was called to order at 7:41 PM.

Minutes: send minutes to meetings@madisonct.org

Wildflower walk scheduled for May 4th. Bob Kuchta leading seniors on the wildflower walk. Needs a bridge across the stream to the boundary trail.

Update on hunting. Oslander reports that the policy with RWA is to allow hunting only where there is not much other use. There is enough use at Rockland that this would present a problem with other users. Erskine states that this would open a new bevy of problems with insurance coverage.

Plan for a work party clearing trails Friday at 3 PM starting from M11. Only approved handlers allowed to run power equipment. Plan is to open trails to bikers as soon as everything has been certified clear. Trails have been closed for most of March.

Pump track update from Erskine. Meg from USI recommends we wait until we get the report back. CIRMA is planning a walk through visit for inspection and survey. Jason says that the bikers are willing to make adjustments as required by CIRMA. Recommendation to review the recreational access law revised in 2011 in order to protect access to bikers and other users.

Green Up Clean Up: Friday 3/30 activity to count. Clean up effort on 79 strip of property.

CLCC meeting 3/17/18 about relationship between bikers and land management was successful. Shared experiences with other land managements and made connections with similar preserves.

Recommendation by Oslander to consider an easement on the property to allow dedicated protection for Rockland Property. This was from a discussion at the CLCC meeting and would involve the MLCT as a host for the easement but the property would remain town property.

Pump for well. Scot will have well inspected for a mechanical pump at some point.

Meeting ended 8:45

The next meeting will be May 16, 2018, at 7:30PM, at the NMVFC Fire House.