

5/16/22 Rockland Preserve Advisory Committee

Attendance: Cecily Baran, Jason Engelhardt, Dave Okomoto, Joe Oslander, Austin Hall

RE: Agenda, Rockland Preserve SPECIAL MEETING and LOCATION TO NORTH MADISON FIRE HOUSE

Meeting started n 7:08 PM

Discussion:

Update on dumping concern at Renee's Way lot. Communication was made with homeowner. We anticipate positive relations moving forward.

Phragmites around Coan Pond are an ongoing concern. All Habitat is offering a treatment plan to the town. Cecily is communicating with All Habitat to create a proposal.

Jason and Dave have been working to clear down trees from the trails. At last check, all problems were cleared. There are going to be ongoing tree issues due to the ash borer and gypsy moth.

Joe brought up engineering concerns with Dead Hill Road, Austin mentioned perhaps we could send the town engineer to look at it.

There is \$5000 in the town budget for Rockland, including fencing, playscape sealant, signage in the preserve, and painting the latrine.

Cecily reports that the controlled burn has been approved around the proposed native garden.

Greenup Cleanup was successful with 40 volunteers at 79 lot who cleaned up trash, picked up playground, roadway area, bike park. Everything looks great at the 79 lot and we are grateful for the participation of volunteers and to the town for organizing the day.

Cecily has been working on the native pollinator garden proposal. Committee has met and is developing a site plan and outline costs. The committee will be sending a proposal to the ARP committee.

Jason has completed and the CFPA paid for printing of the 2022 trail map. Jason will install all the maps over this summer. Recommendation to not allow physical changes going forward to the trail network unless there is a defined and clear need for the change. Changes that require updates to the map area major production and should be avoided.

Town of Madison is changing policy to allow people with qualified disabilities to use an e-bike in order to access town trails. The policy is based on the one researched and developed by Kingdom Trails in Vermont. Town will provide a tag or marker to the riders so that they can identify their permission to use the e-bike.

Jason asked that bridges be added to the Eagle Scout list.

Adjourn 8:21

Respectfully submitted by Jason Engelhardt

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