



Roll Call:

Greeting of guests:

Feedback on Meeting Minutes:

Motion:

Second:

Parks Dept Topics:

1.

Committee Topics:

1. Highway Triangle – State Drainage responsibilities?
2. April Trail Day Reports
3. May Trail Day Plans
 - 1) Project Candidates
 - I. Continued Cove Debris Cleanup
 - II. Continued Knotweed remediation
 - III. Triangle Drainage Cleanup
 - IV. Green Trail Retention Repairs
 - V. Red Trail Erosion Repairs
 - VI. Painting:
 - I. Weirs Bridges
 - II. Overlooks
 - III. Gate House Fences

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Appendix A – Parks Dept Backlog

1. Stone Benches
2. Ledge St/2nd St Canal Fence
 1. Who owns/manages this if it needs maintenance or replacement?
3. Gatehouse:
 1. Cleaning (interior)
 2. Stone Wall Reinforcement
 3. Fence overlooking the Mill Pond
4. Canal Trail Grading
 1. This has been a long term backlog item we have wanted addressed, and Nick had a contact with the grader equipment who can do it. Right now, the trail surface is not draining properly and it keeps creating washout sections where we have to build retaining walls
5. Lincoln Bridge:
 1. Treatment of exposed steel
 2. Steel expansion plate needs replacing/welding/expanding after being trimmed to fix the tripping hazard
6. Gate City Kayak launch ramp

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Appendix B – Trail Day Candidates

April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clearing Cove Knotweed site - Overlook cleanups
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scrape & painting Gatehouse fences - Painting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - - Overlooks - - Weirs Bridges - - Gatehouse Fences - Red Trail hill erosion - Cove/Canal retaining wall repairs - Gatehouse parking lot (wire fence area) cleanup
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clearing around the Whipple bridge
Aug	
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Mine Falls Park Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – April 3rd, 2023

Attendees: Jeff Hannigan, Paula Lochhead, Pamela Anderson, Dick Gillespie, Trisha Mullin, Bryan Conant

Guests: N/A

Call to Order – 7:04 PM

Approval of March Meeting Minutes – Motion (Jeff) Seconded (Trish); Approved

Parks Dept Topics:

- Trail Day sign numbers were ordered and plans were discussed for re-installing the signs for the seasonal
- Discussion on whether downed and cleared trees are removed to the satisfaction of the committee
 - Current approach is to cut out the section that impedes the trail; move those segments off the trail, and otherwise leave them and the remainder of the tree as-is to decompose naturally
 - Committee has on concerns given the effort involved for any alternative to bring in additional vehicles/equipment
 - The canal specifically has some value as turtle habitat although there is also an element of unimpeded flow and sediment buildup to account for
 - Any larger remediation of canal flow, trees or otherwise, is consider a broader topic and larger effort involving engaging for studies on the flow and cleanup needs

Committee Topics

- Trail Day Planning
 - April attendees and targets confirmed
 - Knotweed covering is priority #1 as a large project
 - First-of-the-season pick up is second priority
 - With a focused assignment targeting the Cove overlooks
 - Cleanup in the gatehouse parking lot, particularly the strung fence is third priority
- Hippo Article
 - Approached due to the number of responses identify MFP as a top NH Park!
 - Seeking a spokesperson to ask about the committee; Pam will field their questions

Adjournment – 7:44 PM