



# Mine Falls Park Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

Monday, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

Virtual

Call to order: 7:00 PM

Roll Call: Pam, Greg, Paula, Dick, Doug  
Scott Perkins (Phone Ops)  
Mike Harris (Ops Mgr)  
Greeting of guests: None

Approval of Oct Meeting Minutes:  
Emailed Weds, Oct 14th  
Motion: Jeff  
Second: Paula

**Calendar note: December meeting cancellation in favor of deferring to January 11, 2021**

## Park/Rec:

1. Request Follow-Up: Financial Report
2. Request Follow-Up: Cove trail mowing
  - a. Want to find out from the person/company who mows seasonally if they can get into the cove trail
3. Request Follow-Up: Mill Pond Boat Ramp Surface
  - a. Done but overflowing into the pond
4. New: Need Dog Bags; At Parks Dept/Works; Paula can pick them up
5. New: Trash Barrel & Pickup at Gate City Fence entrance
  - a. Want to encourage the campers to clean up
6. Soifert Memorial Fence (Gate City Fence )
  - a. Needs replacing
  - b. And marked for Winter

## Committee Topics:

1. October Trail Day Reports
  - a. Great turnout
  - b. Overall clean compared to the increased traffic
  - c. Cleanups:
    - i. Overlook & 7<sup>th</sup> St
    - ii. Greg - Lincoln St Lot
    - iii. Judy – Part of Cove
    - iv. Stacey – Creek cleanups
    - v. Doug – Blue Trail brushback

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- vi. Dick – Red Trail
- d. Fun Fact: Over 8,000 dog bags replaced
- 2. Winter Work
  - a. Bid/Estimate: Lincoln St Bridge Wood Replacement
    - i. And other bridges could use an assessment as well
      - 1. 7<sup>th</sup> St
      - 2. Weirs
      - 3. High School
    - ii. Bridge Inspection that was planned this year? Oct 2019 meeting, reported that inspection was planned.
    - iii. Funding: If structural repairs
  - b. Bid/Estimate: Canal tree cleanup
    - i. TBD: Do we need a map pre-bid?
  - c. Bid/Estimate: Boardwalk staining (Not Yet)
    - i. Assessment when/if needed
    - ii. And if so, cost?
    - iii. Then assess, replace vs. stain & maintain
- 3. Cove Trail:
  - a. Discuss long term plans
  - b. Permanent Closure ←-----→ Clean cut like the river the library

Permanent Closure/Abandon: Easier to implement, major loss to the park

- Would be difficult to enforce
- May encourage more encampment
- Safeguards park users from undesired interactions

Fencing: Middle ground

- Maintains access
- May help widen the trail
- Issues with vegetation
- Challenging installation
- Will still need cleaning/maintenance, likely repairs
- Difficult to clean inside the fence
- Would need to be expansive and fully join to the parking lot

Clearcut: Highly effective, very unlikely

- Action item: Check with Deb Chisholm (Greg & Doug)
- Huge amount of effort

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many restrictions

- Likely
- Can we find out what went into the work on the River?
- May be covered by an exemption we would not benefit from

4. Knotweed (not covered)
  - a. Discuss long term plans
5. Dog Bag Prevention (not covered)
6. Gate City Kayak Launch:
  - a. Anything we want to address?

## Old Business (Not covered):

1. Parks Dept Work/Repairs:
  - a. Fences near Nashua High entrance and beneath power lines, Lincoln Park
  - b. Lincoln St. Bridge baseboards
    - i. Hire/Bid?
  - c. Pond Weir Bridge bollards
  - d. Carter Bridge fences
  - e. Gatehouse cleaning
  - f. Spine Road Repairs (grading/drainage)
  - g. River Tree (Lincoln St Bridge)
  - h. Canal Grading
  - i. Mowing/cleaning around Lincoln

## Backlog/Winter Items (Not covered):

- 1) Trail Day Items for next year
  - A) Maintenance/Routine work
    - 1) Triangle
    - 2) Knotweed
    - 3) Cove Trail
    - 4) Overlooks
  - B) One-off improvements
    - 1) Red trail at boat ramp
  - C) Large-scale volunteer jobs

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Adjournment – 8:04

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