

## **Minutes Cow Pasture Committee**

Thursday –March 21, 2019

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

*In Attendance: Chris Russo-Fraysier, Mike Perrigo, Tim Rapezynski, Mark Martin*

*Non- Committee Members in Attendance: Mike Fraysier, Fabio Balenzano*

1. Call to order: 5:37 pm
2. Adjustments to Agenda: Move Land Conservation to the top of the Agenda
3. Approval of minutes (1-17-2019)–Moved: Mike, Seconded: Tim. Motion passes.
4. Agenda Items:

### **Updates:**

- Winter Fest- The event was a success. Picking up dog waste at the entrance before any future event was recommended.

### **Land Conservation:**

- Mark Martin and Mike Fraysier (Sub-Committee Members),led a discussion on how to move forward on exploring increasing public access to the property, expansion of the property and Conservation easements. Mike will prepare a Fact Sheet identifying benefits to acquisition of an adjacent property that will be used to discuss Committee goals with City Officials.

### **City Ordinances for Conservation Zone:**

- Discussion postponed to May 16, 2019 Meeting.

### **Green-Up Day – May 4th**

- Ken Benton – (North Branch Nature Center) will be sponsoring a Naturalist walk at 8:00 a.m. prior to the start of Green-up Day efforts, which will begin at the culmination of the walk. Non-members of the North Branch Nature Center will be able to join the walk for free if they participate in Green-up Day.
- Tim will co-ordinate with Ken to advertise the event. Pictures of prior events will be sent to Tim for posting
- Invasive removal – Continuation of 2017-2018 efforts will be the focus. Mike Perrigo will secure the Sno-Bees ATV to assist with the removal of materials. A PullerBear tree and root puller will be purchased with Semprebun Funds. Chris will consult with Carol Dawes on the purchase.
- Pine Tree removal- The Pine trees in the areas brush-hogged in 2018 will be removed. VYCC youth are unable to use power tools and could not complete this portion of the meadow restoration project.

### **Cow Pasture Entrance Improvements:**

- The Committee revisited the project design and goals. The option of placing rocks with an opening that would allow brush hog entry without placing concrete barriers was discussed. A design that allowed for additional parking is desirable.
- Chris will request an on-site meeting with Bill Ahearn and asks that Committee members attend.

### **VYCC 2019 Projects:**

- Committee was unanimous in support of requesting VYCC to restore the water-bar that was widened to standards of a Class 4 road and install the priority water-bar that was requested at the stream crossing and not installed. The projects will be separate from 2019 funded work and can be completed prior to July 1, 2019 when funds are available for this year. Chris will contact VYCC to discuss.
- Committee will review Management Plan project prior list (Table 4) prior to the next meeting when 2019 projects will be identified.

### **Vacant Positions:**

- Fund raising Coordinator/Treasurer, Volunteer Coordinator, and Natural Resource Manager.
- Fabio Balenzano has requested to be a member and is coordinating with Steve McKenzie to go before the Council.
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### **Future Agenda Items:**

- VYCC 2019 Projects
- Hunting incident follow-up
- Cow Pasture logo
- City signs identifying trail entrances.
- Replacing Maps – Map Revision to reflect rerouted trail.
- City Leash Law/Dog etiquette guidelines –Draft electronically submitted by Maura 7-17-18. Will be discussed after ordinance is changed.
- Coordinate with Amanda Garland (Barre Tech.) to identify potential projects that may include invasive species guide or tree ID
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5. Adjourn 6:37 p.m. Chris - Motion to adjourn. Mike 2<sup>nd</sup> . Passed

### **2019 Meeting Schedule:**

May 21, 2019

July 16, 2019

September 17, 2019

November 19, 2019

Time: 5:30 –6:30 p.m.

**Meeting Location: City Hall- Council Chambers**

### **Important Dates/Meetings:**

**May 4, 2019 Green-up Day**