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Town of Harwich Trail Committee Minutes

June 16, 2016

Present:: D. Callaghan, M. Cushing, B. Nightingale, G. Schumann, A. Usowski

Absent: J. Follas, R. Saulnier, W, Stone

- I. Matt Cushing called the meeting to order at 3:45 in the town hall library.
- II. Because we did not have a quorum, the minutes of the May meeting were not approved.
- III. Old Business
 - A. Bell's Neck: the connecting loop trail adjacent to the recently acquired Hall property has been cleared, including grading the slope, removing the chain link fence and cement structures. Thank you to the DPW. The split rail delineating the boundary between town and Hall land has been installed. Thank you, HCT. Mike Lach is coordinating a formal "fence-cutting" (ribbon cutting) event with the state to officially open the trail. Not sure that will happen prior to signage, kiosk and mapping have been completed...probably in the fall of '16.
 - B. Thompson's Field: Matt will follow up on suggestion for TC to meet with new Water Commissioner regarding trail access and closures on water company property. And establish a relationship with him.
Jeff Brown, local landscaper, has offered to feed his goats on TF poison ivy starting Sunday, June 26th. Amy will post notice to alert public and dog owners to leash their dogs where the goats are feasting, mostly along the south side of the bike path.
 - C. Teixeira: Trevor Branch, Eagle Scout, is on board to build new kiosk, using what funds TC can provide and being responsible to find other sources for funding as well. Amy will contact him to see what the best method of payment from our fund is. The project needs to be funded by the end of this month unless we determine our account is revolving.
Also, Amy will explore the possibility of using AmeriCorps for a half day to complete new trail at Teixeira and engage the DPW in removing the stairs and using the existing posts and fencing/rope to close off the lower trail. New signage necessary and HCT to be alerted of change on map.
 - D. IP...Matt traded mowing of Bank Street Bogs for Matt Cannon of HCT removing tree.
 - E. Sand Pond...no report
- IV. New Business
 - A. Budget: Matt wrote a letter of request for TC to have a budget; because of no quorum, we have to wait. In the latter, he requested \$2,000 to fund repairs, signage, and a donation to HCT toward the printing of the 3rd edition of the trail guide due to be published this fall. For those of you who don't know, the trail guide includes both town and HCT trails, and HCT staff provides an invaluable service. to the town and TC.
 - B. Committee Membership:
We have three vacancies at the end of this month. We need to seek new members as well as replace representation from planning and conservation. It is possible that we will have to make our meeting date later to accommodate interested volunteers who