

Rockland Preserve

Minutes of the March 15, 2017 meeting of the Rockland Preserve Management Committee

Members Present: Joe Oslander, Dave Okamoto, Jason Engelhardt, Lori Lodge, Tim Burton

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM.

Minutes: Minutes will be resent for January

- Report of Chair: Public hikes at Rockland Preserve 2017
 - April 29 1 pm Wildflower Hike, Michael Donoghue
 - August 26 10 am mushroom Hike, Bill Yule
 - May 6 guest speaker at Greenway Hike
- Schedule monthly inspections, March –Rich; April- Dave O. ; May- Joe; June- Lori, Nick; July- Rich; August- Jason; September- Dave E.; October- Tim; - November – Joe
 - Direct link to inspection reporting form:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScTw3DZ_wuq33Pq95HOJUDroHWmjPiTpFdrmmnYM1vah4AYBq/viewform
 - NOTE: Link to inspection report is easiest to find through <http://www.madisonct.org/520/Rockland-Preserve>
- “Green up Clean Up” Saturday April 22nd: Jason has a registered a Singletracks clean up day at Rockland Clean Up work party” Planned for April 8th in order to check invasive and clean interpretive signs
- Coan Pond monthly reports: Up to date: 4 in February
- Single track and other reports' updates
 - Low use in Winter season
 - Last stages of remarking for emergency rescue plan
 - New Maps ordered: Using completely donated NEMBA funds nearly \$400
 - Rescue Markers ordered and installation nearly complete
 - SOR interpretive sign and Boy Scout message board installations will take place at Dead Hill Station instead of 79 lot to ensure greater use by trail users from all access points and also decrease vandalism
 - CCAP: (CT Cycling Advancement Program) is sponsoring a group of 13-17 year old young cyclists led by coach Tom Ghoereb of Guilford. The group plans to use Rockland as a training site for group rides. They have contacted Beach and Rec and offered a donation plus insurance coverage to satisfy town requirements for site use. Will follow up with Scot to make sure all is in order.
 - Pump track and playground update
 - Town funds in CIP were pushed out to 2021-22 instead of 2017-18
 - Jason met with several vendors to discuss potential bids and cost estimates, most showing labor and equipment around \$20,000 and materials including dirt and clay around \$20,000.
 - Jason met with Tom Banish informally and discussed NEMBA fundraising to complete the project. A planning meeting is set for Friday 3/17/2017, 12:45 at Madison Town Offices. Jason, Joe, and Tim will meet with Scot Erskine and Dave Anderson to discuss next steps

- Laurie offered some grant ideas including community health grants which she will follow up on. Laurie also mentioned that her neighbor owns a fence company and may be able to support project.

Next meeting May 17, 2017, 8:00 PM, at NMVFC

Subject To Approval