**Plympton Open Space Committee Meeting**

**Minutes of Open Virtual Meeting – February 10, 2022**

**Held over Zoom Conference Call: zoom.us/j/8802901353**

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**Meeting ID: 880 290 1353**

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**Present:** Committee Members: Linda Leddy, Jane Schulze, Jacqueline Rafferty, Vicki Alberti, Alan Wheelock, Jessica Kinsman; Conservation Agent: Brian Vasa

**Absent:** Gavin Murphy, Patti Morin

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

**Two Brooks Preserve:**

Parking lot/trail access: Access is currently blocked to the parking lot, brush cutting has started heading west. Rick Burnet will show the work party what has been done and what needs to be done next. Survey work heading east is yet to happen, but should hopefully happen soon.

Signage:

MOTION (Vicki): To accept the final draft of the History write up for the kiosk as written, with the possibility for edits down the road.

SECOND (Alan)

VOTE: All voted unanimously in favor with a roll call vote:

Linda Leddy: Aye, Jane Schulze: Aye, Vicki Alberti: Aye; Jessica Kinsman: Aye; Jackie Rafferty: Aye, Alan Wheelock: Aye

MOTION (Vicki): To accept the final draft of Welcome Statement write up for the kiosk as written, with the possibility for edits down the road.

SECOND (Alan)

VOTE: All voted unanimously in favor with a roll call vote:

Linda Leddy: Aye, Jane Schulze: Aye, Vicki Alberti: Aye; Jessica Kinsman: Aye; Jackie Rafferty: Aye, Alan Wheelock: Aye

Hunting: The possibility of bow hunting was discussed, and the setback would be 150 feet from any marked trail, which would primarily leave the area northwest of the bogs.

MOTION (Jackie): To restrict hunting to bow hunting at Two Brooks Preserve.

SECOND (Alan)

VOTE: All voted unanimously with one abstention in favor with a roll call vote

Linda Leddy: Aye, Jane Schulze: Aye, Vicki Alberti: Aye; Jackie Rafferty: Aye, Alan Wheelock: Aye; Jessica Kinsman: Abstained

MOTION (Vicki): Fishing will not be permitted at Two Brooks Preserve.

SECOND (Jessica)

VOTE: All voted unanimously in favor with a roll call vote:

Linda Leddy: Aye, Jane Schulze: Aye, Vicki Alberti: Aye; Jessica Kinsman: Aye; Jackie Rafferty: Aye, Alan Wheelock: Aye

Linda will find the $1,000+ donors for a list in the kiosk. Rick knows someone who can inscribe letters on the stone slab.

The signage subcommittee will think of kiosk size, design, etc. Vicki suggested an eagle scout troop could build the kiosk. Trying to have it completed by April, it may be best to hire someone to build it.

Soule Homestead has formally allowed leasing the parking area to Plympton. The OSC will need to work with Soule to figure out policies, trails, etc.

Realigning naming conservation lands from “parks” to preserves was discussed, as it is not in alignment with legal terminology.

**Water Study Subgroup**:

Alan said the Groundwater Protection Overlay District is basically the same as before. They need to make sure any semantic changes to Rehoboth’s District are changed. It is very well written, so very little needs to be changed.

Jessica and Gavin interviewed Linda and Alan for the water subcommittee. She also discussed the MBTA zoning that update would require 700+ apartments to be added in Plympton, since it abuts a town with MBTA service.

**MVP program:**

The Expression of Interest was sent a couple of weeks ago. The MVP Program will give the OSC feedback about what their application would require.

Protecting Turkey Swamp would be the connecting piece between Cato’s Ridge, the Winnetuxet watershed, and the cedar swamp to the north.

**Conservation Restrictions:**

The Churchill Park CR is currently being reviewed by the Wildlands Trust Board of Directors after many updates.

**Other:**

Reopening the old swimming hole on Winnetuxet Road, by replacing the culvert and clearing up the trails, was discussed.

**Approve Warrants:**

MOTION (Linda): To hire Mark Turin to do a survey of Turkey Swamp.

SECOND (Alan)

VOTE: All voted unanimously in favor with a roll call vote:

Linda Leddy: Aye, Jane Schulze: Aye, Vicki Alberti: Aye; Jessica Kinsman: Aye; Jackie Rafferty: Aye, Alan Wheelock: Aye

MOTION (Linda): To pay Grady Engineers $1,300.00 for a boundary survey on the eastern side of Two Brooks Preserve.

SECOND (Vicki)

VOTE: All voted unanimously in favor with a roll call vote:

Linda Leddy: Aye, Jane Schulze: Aye, Vicki Alberti: Aye; Jessica Kinsman: Aye; Jackie Rafferty: Aye, Alan Wheelock: Aye

MOTION: (Linda): To pay Rick Burnet $6,600.00 for clearing and installation work at Two Brooks Preserve

SECOND (Alan)

VOTE: All voted unanimously in favor with a roll call vote:

Linda Leddy: Aye, Jane Schulze: Aye, Vicki Alberti: Aye; Jessica Kinsman: Aye; Jackie Rafferty: Aye, Alan Wheelock: Aye

MOTION: (Linda): To pay Goodrich Lumber $2,818.21 for the remaining bill for lumber that was purchased for Two Brooks Preserve.

SECOND (Vicki)

VOTE: All voted unanimously in favor with a roll call vote:

Linda Leddy: Aye, Jane Schulze: Aye, Vicki Alberti: Aye; Jessica Kinsman: Aye; Jackie Rafferty: Aye, Alan Wheelock: Aye

**Minutes:**

MOTION (Linda): To accept the minutes of January 13, 2021 as written.

SECOND (Vicki)

VOTE: All voted unanimously in favor with a roll call vote:

Linda Leddy: Aye, Jane Schulze: Aye, Vicki Alberti: Aye; Jessica Kinsman: Aye; Jackie Rafferty: Aye, Alan Wheelock: Aye

**Motion to Adjourn:**

MOTION (Vicki): To adjourn the meeting.

SECOND (Jane)

VOTE: All voted unanimously in favor with a roll call vote:

Linda Leddy: Aye, Jane Schulze: Aye, Vicki Alberti: Aye; Jessica Kinsman: Aye; Jackie Rafferty: Aye, Alan Wheelock: Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 10th at 7pm.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Brian Vasa