

Town of Harpswell
Recreation Committee Meeting
November 2, 2015

Attendees: Sue Rich, Don Miskill, Ray Sohl and Rick Meisenbach.

Also present: Gina Perow.

A quorum WAS NOT present when the meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM.

Meeting Minutes: The September 8, 2015 and October 5, 2015 minutes were approved as written [4-0-0].

Old Business:

- **Action item: Devil's Back Trail Plan for east side [Don M.]**
- **Action item: Cliff Trail – Replace broken and rotted bridge boards, build additional bog bridges at Henry's Creek, reflective paint for the blazes, and blaze the cutoff trail reroute.**
- **Action item: Erect roadside sign for the Giant Stairs, and repaint the GS bike rack.**
- **Action item: Make laminated "You are here" maps for the Devil's Back and Cliff Trails.**
- **Action item: Develop an Other Power Driven Mobility Devices [OPDMD] Policy for town trails.**
- **Action item: Permanent maps at trailheads or map cards and QR codes.**
- **Action item: DOGPOT station at Mackerel Cove.**

New Business:

- **Committee Membership** – Bill Muldoon has resigned from the committee. We need new members. The committee discussed potential candidates that we might approach.
- **Storm Damage Updates** – Devil's Back, Cliff Trail and Mitchell Field have all been cleared. Thanks everyone. Our thanks to Ken Oehmig who did the Cliff Trail.
- **Devil's Back East Shore Trail** – Don and Ray will do a walkthrough Tuesday, November 3 at 9:00 AM, others are invited to come along.
- **Cliff Trail:**
 - HIKER ORANGE CLOTHING reminders were handed out for the various trails.
 - Trail work survey on Thursday, October 16 was postponed. New date is TBD.
 - Received a citizen input requesting a sign at the parking lot trail entrance telling people that they will exit at the TV station. We are considering "You Are Here" maps. We will repaint the road blazes and there is a sign up at the TV station exit showing how they get back to the parking lot.
- **Town Office Kiosk** – Dave and Don are drawing up a materials list for two kiosks. Terri wants to make the purchase using 2015 money in the sign budget. We still need to locate the town office kiosk.
- **Town Event at Mitchell Field:**
 - Need a title for the event and a flyer for advertising.
 - Gina has reduced the 2016 event budget request from \$3500 to \$3000.
 - July 16, 2016 has high tide at 9:25 AM & low tide at 3:16 PM. It is our best date for water events. Don will let Eric Field know so they can tie a Bean Hole Supper event to our event.
 - We should also pick a rain date.
 - Ask Jane Covey to do something around the Community Garden.
 - Skip the fishing event.
 - Music events from 11:00 AM – 12 noon and 1 – 2:00 PM. Look for some recommendations from the Bandstand Committee.
 - H2 Outfitters
 - Running Race, one-mile fun run.
 - Would the Scouts like to help?
 - Sell H2O.

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- **Mitchell Field Update** – The MF Committee is finalizing their recommendations for a boat launch at the field, and what should be done with the pier. There will be two warrant articles for the 2016 town meeting. Bowdoin Common Good Day brought two crews to the field. One for the Community Garden and the other to remove barbed wire from the perimeter fence. The BoS has removed the No Firearms restriction from the Mitchell Field Rules.
- **Harpswell Outdoor Recreation Guidebook** – Terri has authorized Gina to print 2000 more books using 2015 funds.
- **Lost Valley Ski Program** – The ski area is under new ownership and will open this winter so the ski program is a go.
- **Committee Meeting Schedule** – Committee decided to cancel the December 2015 and January 2016 committee meetings. Next meeting will be February 1st, 2016.
- **Action items Review** – No changes.

Handouts:

- HIKER ORANGE CLOTHING placards.

Next Meeting:

- Recreation Committee meeting on February 1st, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Town Office.
- Recreation Committee meeting on March 7th, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Town Office.
- Recreation Committee meeting on April 4th, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Town Office.

The Recreation Committee Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Don Miskill, Secretary