

SPRINGFIELD TRAILS AND RURAL ECONOMY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 29TH,
5:30 PM
TOWN OFFICES MEETING ROOM

Call to Order— The meeting was called to at 5:33 PM.

Roll Call— Present were Bettina McCrady, Barbara Schultz, Jim Fog (presiding), Chuck Gregory, John Bond, and Kristi Morris (ex officio). For the public, Jim Kraft.

Announcements— There were no announcements

The minutes were approved as submitted (Bond/Schultz). Passed unanimously

Additions to Agenda — John Bond asked that FPR

Recreation Grants be added to the agenda.

Old Business—

—**Rules for Hartness Park:** John Bond submitted a copy of the only rules he could find, which apply to the Toonerville Trail. #8 specifies “no firearms.” There was discussion of what requirements have to be met for a successful petition challenging the decision of the Select Board regarding discharge of firearms. John said the 1934 deed to the park contains no mention of hunting. John submitted a list of suggested topics to be covered by rules:

- hours of operation
- no motorized vehicles
- no discharge of firearms
- carry out what you carry in
- pick up after your dog
- no camping
- no fires

John provided a copy of the letter to the Chief of Police and Parks and Recreation Director about the responsibility of opening and closing the Hartness Park gates.

—**Annual Report:** Chuck Gregory submitted the draft of the 2023-24 annual report. It was moved to forward it to the Town Clerk(Gregory/Bond) . Passed unanimously.

—**Hartness Park/Muckross connector trail signs:** The present signage does not mark the trail well. Jim Fog said it appears to be necessary to get the state’s permission. He will talk with Marjorie Reurink and the state about installing the needed signage. John Bond suggested the signs be made to match the style of the Hartness Park signs for consistency.

—**Felled trees removal:** Jim reported progress has been made in removing the fallen trees. He will talk to Adam Middleton about converting some of the trunks into trail steps.

New Business

—**Conservation Committee liaison:** Chuck Gregory asked if it was appropriate for the Conservation Committee to plan trails in the Municipal Forest. No determination was made.

—**Hartness Park Rehabilitation Grant:** September 23d will see the wetland repairs work started. Jim will follow up with Adam to see if it would be possible to generate publicity about it.

— **Recreation Economy for Rural Communities Grant:** It was determined that the town had already gone through a planning process and that to apply again would be duplicative. Jim Fog will see if Chuck Wise, Town Planner, can attend the September meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 (Gregory/McCrary).

The agenda for the next meeting will be:

WARNING:
SPRINGFIELD TRAILS AND RURAL ECONOMY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH,
5:30 PM
TOWN OFFICES MEETING ROOM

Call to Order—

Roll Call—

Announcements—

Additions to Agenda —

Approval of minutes of previous meeting

Old Business—

- Dilapidated ski shed demolition
- Removal of concrete blocks at Hartness Park
- Follow up work

New Business—

- Times for opening and closing park gages