

Minutes Cow Pasture Committee

Tuesday – March 30, 2018

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Maura Quinn, Mike Perrigo, Chris Fraysier, Alex Pastor, Ken Benton

Non- Committee Members in Attendance: Steve Mackenzie, Tim Bashaw, Fabio, Nick Landry

1. Call to order: 5:32 pm
2. Adjustments to Agenda: None
3. Approval of minutes (1-16-2018) Moved: *Maura*, Seconded: *Alex*. Motion Passes
4. Agenda Items:

Cow Pasture Web Site: Minor enhancements were suggested: Include a link to the *Trails, Access Points and Parking Map* (located in Appendix 1 of Management Plan), enlarge photo's.

Draft Re-Zoning Ordinance:

- Public Informational Meeting March 22, 2018
- No comments on changes to the Conservation Zone and Use Table language as proposed
- Alex and Maura will attend March 22, 2018 Meeting

Snowmobiles:

- SnoBee's will continue grooming.
- Recent issues discussed: A Signage Plan will be developed and side trails posted by a representative of the SnoBee's. Posting will not be the Committee's responsibility. History of stream crossing restoration work (2012) and importance of not placing materials in stream and prior discussions with DEC Water Quality staff regarding impracticality and cost of building a bridge was discussed. Materials in the stream will be removed. Committee was not opposed to the paper street between Quinlan Drive and Cow Pasture being used as an access as long as riders are respectful of the Cow Pasture property and remain on the connector trail once in the Pasture. Tim Bashaw, will research ownership of the parcels of land and obtain permission from landowner(s) if the trail passes on private property.
- Groomer can barely pass through the gate. VYCC will be asked to widen gate opening. Damage to the gate hinges is needed.

Committee Member Activities:

- Chris -Annual council update will be scheduled in May. Semperbon Fund balance is as of 3-14-18 is \$12,558.43. Committee is supportive of Chris investigating acquiring Ford property, which is listed in the Management Plan as a high conservation priority (Table 10). The parcel would be a bridge to residential areas now accessing the Cow Pasture through the Perrin property if access is restricted in the future.
- Maura- No response to Front Porch Forum post for new members. She is trying to recruit by word of mouth. Alex and Maura will revise the *Trail and Infrastructure Projects* Management Plan Table and identify completed projects. Remaining project are potential 2018 VYCC projects. The revised Table will be included in City Council update.
- Ken- Green-up Day is May 5th. Ken will reach out to Committee members for help. Bird Walk is scheduled for May 26th.
- Alex – Ordinance Change- Not discussed. She provided a paper copy of City Ordinances with Sections for review highlighted.

Future Agenda Items:

- Ordinance review – and recommended changes
- Cow Pasture entrance (Boulders) – revisit in the spring
- Replacing Maps – Map Revision to reflect rerouted trail
- City Leash Law/Dog etiquette guidelines
- Coordinate with Amanda Garland (Barre Tech.) to identify potential projects that may include invasive species guide or tree ID.(not discussed).
- Vacant positions : Fundraising Coordinator /Treasurer, Volunteer Coordinator

5. Adjourn 6:43 p.m. Chris - Motion to adjourn. *Moved: Alex Secoded: Ken, Motion Passed*

Meeting Schedule: Meetings will be in the Council Chamber Room until future notice.

May 15, 2018

July 17, 2018

Time: 5:30 –6:30 p.m.

Important Dates/Meetings:

March 22, 2018 - Public Informational Meeting (Re- Zoning)

May 5, 2018 – Green-up Day

May 26, 2018 – Bird Walk