

## **Minutes Cow Pasture Committee**

Tuesday –November 20, 2018

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

*In Attendance: Chris Russo-Fraysier, Mike Perrigo, Tim Rapezynski, Maura Quinn, Alex Pastor*

*Non- Committee Members in Attendance: Crysta Daniels, Steve Mackenzie was present for the beginning of the Meeting*

1. Call to order: 5:35 pm
2. Adjustments to Agenda: VYCC Funding -Steve Mackenzie reported that he has requested funding for the VYCC for the upcoming fiscal year. Work must not begin until after July 1, 2019.
3. Approval of minutes (9-18-2018)–Moved: Mike, Seconded: Maura. Motion passes.
4. Agenda Items:

### **Updates:**

- 2018 Projects: Brush hogging was completed and Maura will remove flagging. Water-bars – work date was scheduled for December 1, 2018 to repair water-bars but cancelled due to weather. Entrance improvements were not completed by City staff and will hopefully be completed in 2019.
- Committee Membership/Roles: Chris contacted the three individuals that expressed interest in the Committee to let them know that there is an opening on the Committee. Crysta Daniels attended the November Meeting to learn more about the Committee. Two Committee roles filled by prior member Ken Benton are now open. Tim offered to fill the role of Public Outreach and Education through his work with social media. Natural Resource Manager still need to be filled.
- City Tree Warden – Jeff Bergeron will be forming a Committee to work on City street trees. There may be capacity to help identify ash trees in the Pasture.
- 2018 Annual Report submitted.

### **VAST Land Ownership Permission Agreement:**

- Mike revised the Snow Bee agreement to identify the new trail numbers of the groomed route that snow machines are allowed to travel and will post signs identifying route. December 11, 2018 to April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 is the permitted time frame.
- Mike identified David Rouleau as the individual to contact with any snow machine issues on pasture trails. P: 802-496-1279 (possibly work number) C: 802-839-0533.
- There was a discussion on allowing snow machines to enter via the paper street from Quinlan Ave. Tim Bradshaw, a resident from Quinlan Drive attended the March 2018 Committee meeting to discuss using the paper street and was to contact landowners and research ownership. Committee has not heard back from Tim and the route will not be a designated access trail. Entrance from the side trail to the main walking trail is a blind entrance is not properly signed with a Stop sign.

**City Ordinances:** Alex will draft revisions to existing ordinances that are pertinent to the Pasture for Committee review and comment. Alex has already identified Sections of the current ordinances that may need revision to address the new Conservation Zone.

**Social Media:** Tim will be the Administrator of the social media page and other members can be listed as analysts which will allow them to post information. Maura will be listed as an analyst. Steve Mackenzie asked that the Committee to use common sense, no City oversight is needed. There is a City Social Media Policy available on the City Web site and Tim will review and follow policy. The goal is to go live and limit posts to 1 or 2 posts a week and Tag posts to 'Better Barre'. Educational outreach will be the primary

focus but will also serve as a forum for requesting assistance to help with projects and advertising events. Posts should be no more than 1-3 sentences.

If there are posts that Committee Members would like to make send them to Tim. Chris will contact Ken Benton to ask if he is willing to send a post once a month on bird or other timely items of interest related to the pasture property.

**Conservation Priorities:** Mark Martin will chair a work group to identify conservation priorities and investigate options will be taken on is considering chairing the sub-committee. Mike Fraysier, formally Vermont State Lands Director is willing to be on the work-group.

**Future Agenda Items:**

- Cow Pasture logo
- City signs identifying trail entrances.
- Revisit entrance work with Bill Ahearn.
- Replacing Maps – Map Revision to reflect rerouted trail.
- City Leash Law/Dog etiquette guidelines –Draft electronically submitted by Maura 7-17-18. Will be discussed after ordinance is changed.
- Coordinate with Amanda Garland (Barre Tech.) to identify potential projects that may include invasive species guide or tree ID
- Vacant positions: Fundraising Coordinator /Treasurer, Volunteer Coordinator, Natural Resource Manager

5. Adjourn 6:45 p.m. Chris - Motion to adjourn. Passed

**2019 Meeting Schedule:**

January 15, 2019

March 19, 2018

May 21, 2019

July 16, 2019

September 17, 2019

November 19, 2019

Time: 5:30 –6:30 p.m.

**Meeting Location: City Hall- Conference Room**

**Important Dates/Meetings:**