

Minutes Cow Pasture Committee

Thursday –July 18, 2019

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Chris Russo-Fraysier, Mike Perrigo, Mark Martin, Tim Rapenzynski, and Sharon Lunde
Non- Committee Members in Attendance: Ken Lunde,

1. Call to order: 5:30 pm
2. Adjustments to Agenda: Ken Lunde- request for permission to mow the walking path.
3. Approval of minutes (3-21-2019 & 5-16-2019)-Moved–Mike. Seconded-Sharon. Motion passes
4. Agenda Items:

Mowing Paths: Ken Lunde requested permission to mow paths as he has in previous years. Approval Moved-Mark. Seconded-Ken. All in favor. Motion passes.

Updates:

- VYCC 2019 Projects. Most items on the list were completed. Chris expressed a need for continued crew leader supervision by VYCC Central Office staff and the need for Committee oversight.
- Entrance work-has not been completed. No update on new date provided by PW Dept.
- Land Conservation Update- options are being investigated.

Communication Policy:

- Tim presented a Draft communication policy.
- The committee discussed recent email correspondence that has caused discord amongst committee members and felt adopting the policy would be in the Committees best interest. Chris reminded the Committee that all members be addressed in Committee email correspondence with the exception of sub-committee communications and all emails are Public records. The Draft policy will be amended to include all verbal and written communications and other recommended revisions.
- Tim will revise and distribute. Motion to accept the policy as amended: Chris. Seconded- Mark. All in favor. Motion passes.

VAST Connector Trail:

- Mike Perrigo is no longer Sno-Bees President but will continue to be the liaison with Committee. Annual approval for grooming by City Council is needed. Chris suggested that the Approval (attachment) that lists additional terms and conditions that were established by the Committee in 2014 be revisited to address concerns raised on any future accidental damage caused by the groomer. After Meeting Note: Chris will scan and send 2018-2019 Agreement to members.
- Ken Lunde will donate another post. Mike Perrigo will reinstall the post and sign by Perrin Property.
- Mark volunteered to remove tree limbs on the VAST gate by the Sugarwoods.
- Stream crossing repairs were completed by VYCC. Stone retaining wall is needed to prevent sediment from going into the stream and maintain the trail footing. Committee discussed possible proactive measures to prevent accidental damage by the groomer from reoccurring including: a minimum snow depth for grooming (Existing policy is not to groom unless there is 1' snow) and adding additional crushed stone to the trail on the side of the reset upright stones. VYCC reset the stones deeper than what they were, hopefully preventing future accidental dislodging.

Paper Street discussion:

- Committee members shared that recent Council paper street discussions were in favor of preserving the streets.

- Committee will be proactive and write a letter of support. Chris will draft. The letter can be included as part of the Annual 2019 Annual Report presented to the Council. Tim volunteered to help with the presentation this year. Annual Reports have been presented to the council since 2015 and include the past years activities and accomplishments and upcoming projects and Committee goals.

Initiatives that need a Committee Lead and work entailed:

- Hunting incident follow-up-The committee discussed the letter drafted to adjacent landowners. Previously identified pros and cons and current City Ordinances were discussed (see Minutes January 17, 2019). Posting of the property was discussed. Chris’s concern was based on her conversation with a VT Fish and Wildlife Warden. Correctly posting the property would be a significant effort and expense. The signs need to be updated every year and it was advised that ladders be used to raise signs. Chris requested vote on sending the letter. Motion to not send: Mark. Seconded-Chris. All in favor – Motion Passes.Chris requested vote on posting the property. Motion to not Post: Mike. Seconded Mark. All in favor. Motion passes.
- Cow Pasture logo and City signs identifying trail entrances were discussed together. Logo could be part of the signs. Tim offered to put some thought into the logo and present a proposal to move forward. A list of potential partners, that may be appropriate contacts to promote a logo contest are identified in Table 9 of the Management Plan.
- City Leash Law/Dog etiquette guidelines – Email from Maura received a few hours prior to the meeting describing a recent encounter she experienced and her draft of a sign she would like to post and her desire to post her draft of the dog policy. Maura was not in attendance. Discussion post-poned. After meeting note: Chris replied to Maura and copied Committee members asking that she not post the policy.
- Coordinate with Amanda Garland (Barre Tech.) - No discussion.

September Meeting:

- Chris requested that the Committee vote to cancel the meeting or that someone volunteer to conduct the meeting; which would include sending out the Agenda, conducting the Meeting, Minutes and minute submittal to Jody Norway within 5 days after the Meeting (Tuesday).
- Since meeting are every other month, Tim though that the meeting was necessary. He volunteered to conduct the meeting in the likely event that Chris will not be available.

Vacant Positions:

Fund raising Coordinator/Treasurer, Volunteer Coordinator, and Natural Resource Manager.

Future Agenda Items:

- Planting native milkweed and fruit bearing shrubs .
 - Annual Council Update
5. Adjourn 6:40 p.m. Chris - Motion to adjourn. Mark 2nd . Passed

2019 Meeting Schedule:

September 19, 2019

November 19, 2019

Time: 5:30 –6:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: City Hall- Council Chambers

Important Dates/Meetings: