

**Minutes Cow Pasture Committee**  
**Thursday – May 21, 2020**  
**5:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

In Attendance: Chris Russo-Fraysier, Tim Rapenzynski, Fab Pattison, Mike Perrigo

Non- Committee Members in Attendance: Steve Mackenzie, Ellen Kay(sp?), Jane Tobus(sp?) , Carl Hilton VanOsdall, Michael Sitton, Jim Deshler.

- Call to order: 5:35 pm
- Adjustments to Agenda:
- Approval of minutes (1-16-2020)-Moved–Mike Seconded-Tim. All in favor -Motion passes
- Agenda Items:

**Communication Policy Reading:**

**Introductions:** Carl Hilton VanOsdall and Jim Deshler attended and have expressed interest in becoming Committee members. Residents Ellen, Jane and Michael attended for the Dog Policy discussion.

**Committee Member Term Renewals:**

Committee member terms are staggered. Tim, Chris and Maura’s Terms will expire this year. Steve discussed importance of revisiting interest in the Committee membership periodically. Attendance is important for quorums. Tim and Chris will continue with the Committee and need to email Steve a note on intent.

**Updates:**

- Cow Pasture Logo- Tim. Two submissions to date. Tim will reach out through previously used channels to encourage additional submissions. June 20, 2020 submittal deadline. Tim will present the submittals at the July Meeting.

**Dog Policy:**

- Chris Russo- Origin of current Management Plan Policy approved by the City Council
- Michael Sitton described recent encounters with dogs off leash and not under voice control.
- Fab Pattison provided her experience with dog policy while a member of the Montpelier Park and Recreation Commission and described the policies and documents that were put in place including:
  1. Canine Code of Conduct,
  2. On-leash/Off leash areas,
  3. Incident Reporting Policy and Procedure, and
  4. Human Code of Conduct (etiquette).

There is no City Ordinance that directly mentions dogs must be on a leash. The current policy can be modified. Recommendations include all owners must carry a leash and dogs must have rabies vaccine. Owner etiquette and education of owners was recommended as a priority rather than changing policy. Tim recommended holding off on Incident Reporting. Fab mentioned that Montpelier offered dog training classes. Educational outreach materials and signs were discussed.

Action: Sub-Committee Formed. Tim and Fab will review Montpelier’s Policy and Procedures and provide recommendations at the July 16, 2020 Meeting.

**Kiosk Repair;**

Plexiglass is broken. Mike offered to repair. Receipt will be submitted for reimbursement of material cost.

## **Green-Up Day May 30, 2020**

We will not invite the public this year. We will continue to focus on invasive species since there is very little trash to pick-up. If we know of trash/items that needs to be removed we can bring it to the entrance. Chris will bring green-up bags and the Puller BEAR. Removing remaining pines in the Meadow restoration area, two mature winged euonymus near the blue bird houses and revisiting the Bittersweet zone will allow us to socially distance ourselves. Chris will send out email with Meeting time.

**Mountain Bike Policy:** A City Resident inquired about creating Mountain Bike Trails. He was not in attendance. Can be discussed at a future meeting. Carl wondered about opening the abandoned trail from Rt 14. Which would provide an additional access point. These items can be discussed at a future Meeting...time did not allow for a detailed discussion and the resident that inquired about the possibility of mountain bike trails was no in attendance.

### **Initiatives that need a Committee Lead and work entailed:**

- Conservation Zone Ordinances
- Replacing Maps
- Co-ordinate with groups, individuals and organizations identified in the Management Plan

### **Vacant Positions:**

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

5. Adjourn 6:45 p.m. Chris- Motion to adjourn. Tim 2<sup>nd</sup> . Passed

#### **2020 Meeting Schedule:**

July 16, 2020

September 17, 2020

November 19, 2020

Time: 5:30 –6:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: City Hall- Council Chambers

#### **Important Dates/Meetings:**

May 30, 2020 Green-up Day