

**Minutes**  
**Cow Pasture Stewardship Committee**  
**September 15, 2022**

**In attendance:** Chris Russo-Fraysier, Tim Rapczynski, Jim Deshler, Janette Shaffer, Fabienne Pattison, Marc Cote, Nicolas Storrellicastro.

1. **Call to order:** 5:36 p.m.
2. **Adjustments to Agenda:** Future Meeting Dates/Location- All agreed to continue to meet the third Thursday of every other month (5:30- 7:00 p.m.) and use the Council Chamber Room once emergency legislation that allowed virtual meetings expires January 13, 2023. Chris will contact Roxanne Pike (Exec. Assis.to City Manager) and reserve the Council Chamber for future meeting dates. Reminder: New protocol for submitting Agendas and Minutes must be followed.

**3. Agenda Items:**

Approval of Minutes- Jim will request revision to error. Dan Fraysier to replace Dan Russo. Motion to Approve Minutes after revision - Jim, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Chris. All in favor.

City Staff Representation- Nicolas Storrellicastro – Barre City Manager has agreed to be the Committee's Representative.

Training (City Hybrid Meeting Equipment) - Janette will contact Rick Taft to arrange a time for training.

Brush-Hogging- Marc Cote will discuss with the SnoBee trail crew the request to assist as an interim measure this year. In the future, the City will either secure a contract or purchase an attachment to existing equipment to maintain the Cow Pasture. The meadow area on M1-3 and an open area where trails M2-2 and M2-3 intersect are areas that need to be brush-hogged. Any known tree stumps in the area will be flagged. If the SnoBees are able to brush-hog Marc will:

- verify that equipment can fit through the boulders at the end of Maplewood Ave. If equipment does not fit, coordinating with Bill Ahearn will be needed to move a boulder,
- determine a cost associated with the work, and
- arrange a time for the individual doing the work to walk the area with Marc, Chris and Tim.

Enclosure Removal – Tree's/shrubs that should be kept will be flagged or vice-versa. This area is likely filled with invasive trees/shrubs that should be removed.

Central Vermont Career Center- Stephanie Olson has been contacted regarding collaborating with the Cow Pasture Stewardship Committee. If there is interest the Committee agreed to continue a focus on invasive removal. Burning Bush (Winged Euonymus) in the area off RT 14 above Hope Cemetery where Enough Ministries initiated work would be ideal. Motion: Approve work on invasives- Fab. Tim- seconded. All in favor. Motion passes.

SnoBees:

- Trail Maintenance (2022-2023). The attachment to the SnoBees' City Approval outlines trail maintenance requirements discussed at the meeting. Trail segment C-1 above the bench is an area that was identified as needing maintenance. Tim noted that the understory along the trail is not invasive honeysuckle. Marc will co-ordinate with trail maintenance person to arrange a site visit to include Chris and Tim to discuss maintenance requests.

- Dates: Marc will co-ordinate scheduling of submittal of the Landowner Approval form with the attachment (revised November 2021) that lists conditions with City staff. City staff will add to Council Agenda for approval.

Updates:

ERSA Grant- Grant Agreement has not been received.

Guided Trail Walks: Janette has created a gmail account: cowpasturebarrevt.com, flier has been initiated. Sub-group will continue to move this forward and initiate walks in the spring

T-shirts- No update

Meeting adjourned: 7:04 p.m.

**Upcoming Meetings**

November 17, 2022

January 19, 2023

March 16, 2023

May 18, 2023

July 20, 2023

September 21, 2023

November 16, 2023