

## Mill Pond Committee 2-15-2022

## Meeting Minutes

In person and via Zoom, start time 6:32pm - Attendees: Ryan Goodwin, chair, Deb Hamilton, Zip Corning, and in addition Angus Jennings, Trent Lloyd, Fred Chania and Nicholas

- Discussion regarding the need for updated signage regarding the rules for the leashed dog areas. Determination of location and approval to move forward with temporary signage to ensure that some type of notice is available. More permanent signage is still required and may or may not be incorporated with other signage and kiosk projects
- Discussion and presentation by Trent Lloyd, Landscape Architect. Details of significant progress relating to the proposed ADA/All inclusive trail modifications and access. Session included review of site drawings, photographs of the area in use, topographic and wetland maps and diagrams of the potential scope of the trail and surrounding environs. Members discussed and proposed details and ideas that may be included in ultimate final designs. Members contributed dialogue and thoughts pertaining to prompts from Trent Lloyd on what we perceive as the best attributes of the area, potential for improvements and what we would like to see in the future. Members also discussed and advised that other improvements and maintenance should be considered in the engineering and design plans for the proposed changes, including drainage and trail improvements and the potential for moving the parking area to prevent further rampant erosion
- Discussion and presentation by Fred Chania and Nicholas regarding Tree Species labelling. Multiple sign type examples were shown and discussion included the intended size and content of each sign. Additional info included where in the Mill Pond area the signs would be placed, how to incorporate the info into the kiosk signs and the potential to include Riverbend in this process, as well as how much of the proposed trail route would overlap with any of the proposed ADA/All Access trail. Members voiced approval and support for the process and indicated that proofs of the signs, more info of which trees would be marked, and further discussion would be necessary.
- Discussion and updates on ongoing Trail Marker project. New developments regarding ECTA's involvement with using GPS and mobile devices were noted and members discussed how the two projects could co-exist without issue. Discussion included that individuals who use the area may or may not be inclined to use their phone while hiking/horseback riding, etc, and therefore a traditional trail marking system would still be relevant and important.
- Discussion regarding the update and improvements that are needed for the kiosk areas. New signage, trail maps, dog bags and hardware and lumber are necessary for the maintenance and upkeep of the kiosks. Some work may be deferred to include any trail marking or Dog Leash area signage that is required.
- Discussion of finances, accounts and budget. Members determined that funds should be directed towards Dock repair and potential tree plantings. Members mentioned that input from Wild and Native West Newbury may be helpful to determine best tree species to plant
- Discussion regarding upcoming usage of the Mill Pond building and grounds included Scout troop weekends and preliminary discussion on hosting a running race.
- Discussion regarding schedule for future MPC meetings. Members decided to meet quarterly, with special meetings to take place if necessary
- Next meeting on/around April 27, 2022
- Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm