



OLD VALUES - NEW HORIZONS

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### Minutes for November 18, 2016 (DRAFT)

Community Development Meeting Room

Public Invited to Attend

#### Call to Order at 1:03pm

- a. In attendance, Wanda Rice, Norm Babineau, Jim Fricchione (Jim Fr.), Brian McFarland, and Jim Finn (Jim Fi.).

1. **Next Meeting Date and Time:** January 13, 2017, 1pm in the Community Development Building. There will be no December meeting due to the Holidays.

#### Reports on Action Items from Last Meeting

2. **Approve October 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes.** Only change to October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes was to revise #3(E) to read "target shooting" instead of "target practice." Norm motioned to approve with revision. Brian seconded. Norm, Wanda, Brian, Jim Fr., and Jim Fi. vote to approve. Motion passed 5-0-0.

#### New Business

3. **Trail Roughed Out from Osgood to Weston**
  - a. Norm, Wanda and Jim Fr. did some trail work from Osgood to Weston since our last meeting in October.
4. **Final Review of Draft Bylaws**
  - a. Wanda made a motion to reconsider Section II(C)(3) and Section III(A) because it was learnt after the last meeting that there are hunting seasons year round. Norm seconded to open up to discussion.
    - i. Discussion focused on hunting season and whether to modify. Options included: remove target shooting altogether; make the allowable timeframe more specific; or keep the language more general regarding when target shooting is allowable.
      1. Norm, Brian, Jim Fr. and Jim Fi. vote to no longer reconsider the language and to keep the hunting and target shooting language the same. Motion passed 4-1-0.
  - b. Other modifications to the Draft Bylaws included:
    - i. Section II(B): Take out "in designated areas" for camping. Add "Follow the Leave no Trace guidelines for waste disposal." Also add, "Campfires are not permitted."
    - ii. Move Section II(C)(2) to become Section II(D). Change approved.

- iii. Section III(A): Jim Fr., Brian and Wanda vote to keep language as is. Change approved.
- iv. Remove Section III(F) and Section IV(F). Change approved.
- v. Modify Section III(I) to read Smoking is prohibited and remove “of any type.” Change approved.
- vi. Section III(J): Remove “by authorized personnel.” Change approved.
- vii. Section III(K): Remove “outside of designated areas.” Change approved.
- viii. Following language to be added to Section IV: “It will be the policy of the Town in such appropriate cases to seek restitution through a conditional discharge sentence under RSA 651:2 (VI-a) to repair all damages to Town owned land or property caused by any person violating these By-Laws.” Change approved.
- c. Norm motioned to approve/endorse the Bylaws and to send to the Board of Selectmen for inclusion on the 2017 Town Warrant. Jim Fi. seconded. Norm, Jim Fi., Jim Fr. and Brian vote to approve. Wanda opposed motion to approve because Wanda believes that allowing target shooting during all hunting seasons does not address the concerns of the neighbors. Motion passed 4-1-0.

#### **5. Rex Norman**

- a. Rex Norman is the new Director of the Community Development Department and introduced himself to the Committee.

#### **6. Wild Flower Planting on Study Area on 11/21**

- a. Planting should take place around 1pm in case anyone would like to join.

#### **7. Fall Trail Work**

- a. Trail marking method needs to be determined. Two options include: using plastic shapes with aluminum nails; or scape and paint.
  - i. Jim Fi. will talk to Wayne Morris of the Conservation Commission to see how many trail markers are available for use by the Forestry Committee. An initial 100 trail markers should not be a problem. Forestry Committee will have to special order long, aluminum nails.
- b. Also need to figure out appropriate distance between markings. Some suggestions include: being able to see the next blaze from the current blaze; hunting signs on private properties need to be placed every 100 yards; the Appalachian Trail system is approximately 8 blazes per mile.

**Norm motioned to adjourn, Brian seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0 (Jim Fi. had left early). Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.**