

BOYCE HILL TOWN FOREST STEERING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2021

1. Karrie moved to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2021 meeting. Sally seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, motion was approved.
2. Public Input - No public input.
3. Goals for today's meeting:
 - a. Finalize survey.
 - b. Details for 4/28/21 visioning workshop.
 - c. Feedback on interactive map.
 - d. 'This I believe' details.
4. Sub-Team Updates
 - a. Visioning Workshop
 - i. Review of meetings with Ethan Tapper, Liza Walker, and Peter Forbes.
 - ii. Lisa and Corrie are working on consolidated outline for workshop.
 - iii. Karrie and Lisa will work on Zoom etiquette details together, Chuck will advise.
 - Meeting setup, format for questions
 - Steering committee members should change their zoom name to add Steering Committee to their name.
 - Liza will share her slides with SC intro slides, Ethan will share his own screen.
 - Questions in chat for Liza and Ethan. Hands raised for Peter Forbes and chat disabled.
 - iv. Review of outline for workshop
 - Pete Colgan (SC emcee): welcome, land acknowledgement, intros, timeline, details.
 - Liza Walker: Gift of land, history, conservation easement, general slide of permitted vs. restricted uses.
 - Ethan Tapper: History of TF, names, different management plan processes, Boyce is unique, how to balance different land uses, zones, goals of mgmnt. plans, navigation of potential conflicts. This presentation will be about management planning.
 - Questions for Ethan and Liza: monitored by Pete or Peter, TBD.
 - Peter Forbes (facilitator): intro, zoom rules and details, setting the tone, time limit (~2 mins), ensure that Fayston residents are heard, "This I Believe" segment, public input.
 - This I Believe: This is why I love the place, this is what I feel is unique, this is what I envision for its future, this is what I ask of my fellow townspeople. Three people to speak from the heart and representing different ideas/visions (nuggets). Tom Bisbee (hill farm history, neighbor), Akhil Kaplan (natural resource restoration, community opportunities), Wendy Bridgewater (open land, skiing/recreation). Patty Martley, Liz Levey are possibilities for future workshops. Puts some ideas out in the open from the beginning and helps diffuse energy. Peter will connect with each participant ahead of time. Corrie will email Peter's questions for this segment to SC.
 - Purpose of the public input session: to get as much different input as possible within the time frame allowed. Important to keep the dialogue on a higher level and not get bogged down in tiny details.

- v. Lisa will be sending zoom link to registrants on Monday 4/26/21 and will monitor late registrants during the presentation.
 - vi. Text chain between speakers/organizers during workshop in case guiding questions are needed.
 - vii. Final slide at end of forum with thanks, info on survey, dates of next workshops, contact info.
- b. Public Survey
- i. SC reviewed the revised survey and provided comments.
 - ii. Maps have been reconfigured with new titles. Need to make sure we have the most current ones.
 - iii. Karrie expressed concern about the amount of information frontloading. This came about because when this information was associated with the questions, there were perceptions that the information was biased and that answers were being guided. Pete reiterated that the people who take time to read and take the survey will be people who care. Lisa mentioned that people could scroll past the information if they are impatient to get to the questions. All agreed to leave as is.
 - iv. After some discussion about the invasive species question, all decided to delete it. Public will have the opportunity to weigh in on this issue when the draft plan is presented.
 - v. All discussed that while some neighbors have concerns about some of the possible recreation choices, it is important to leave them all in at this time to get a full picture of what the public would like. Neighbor considerations will be an important factor in any management decisions that are made. Some concern was expressed about seeding people's minds with recreational ideas they may not have thought of.
 - vi. A decision was made to delete the question that asked where else in the MRV people participated in certain recreational activities.
 - vii. After a productive conversation, the survey questions dealing with maintaining open land through late season cutting or mowing were adjusted to everyone's satisfaction.
 - viii. Remove Mad River Valley logo from Survey Monkey and replace with photo if possible.
 - ix. Pete will send the survey in Survey Monkey form to SC members. We will share with a few other people to solicit feedback.
- c. Interactive map
- i. Lisa and Corrie submitted comments on the first draft of the interactive map of Boyce Hill developed by Aaron Worthley of Arrowwood. SC agreed that it should be made public at this time. More edits may be incorporated in the future.
 - ii. SC members will review the map and provide comments in the document Corrie created for this purpose.
 - iii. Lisa will add a link to the Fayston Conservation Commission page on the Town website for this map.

NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING: May 5, 2021 7:00 pm

TASK LIST

All:

- Review workshop outline.
- Review interactive map and provide any edits/comments on the document Corrie provided.

Caitlin:

- Review interactive map.

Chuck:

- Help advise zoom/meeting etiquette procedures (with Karrie and Lisa)
- Develop procedure for special use permit applicants (with Woody and Lisa).

Corrie:

- Work on consolidating workshop outline.
- Help draft SC introduction for workshop (with Karrie and Pete).
- Coordinate with Akhil on This I Believe portion of workshop.
- Advise Lisa and Karrie re: Zoom details.
- Create slides for opening of workshop – Intro, zoom instructions?

Karrie:

- Help draft SC introduction for workshop (with Corrie and Pete).
- Work with Lisa on Zoom details for the 4/28 workshop.

Liza

- Prepare for VLT Conservation Easement explanation/summary for first workshop.

Lisa:

- Post interactive map link on Town website.
- Work on consolidating workshop outline.
- Work with Karrie on Zoom details for the 4/28 workshop.
- Email Zoom link to all participants via Mail Chimp (will need to add contacts to MC)
- Final announcement via FPF and BHTF list and Fayston Listserv.
- Develop procedure for special use permit applicants (Woody/Chuck).
- Record minutes for Steering Committee meetings and post to Town website.

Pete:

- Incorporate final edits to the public survey (with Sally).
- Help draft SC introduction for each workshop (with Corrie and Karrie).
- Make sure maps on survey are the current ones (with Corrie's title changes)
- Develop agenda for May 5, 2021 meeting by 5/2/21.

Sally:

- Incorporate final edits to the public survey (with Pete).
- Coordinate with Tom Bisbee re: This I Believe portion of workshop.

Woody:

- Coordinate with Wendy Bridgewater re: This I Believe portion of workshop.
- Develop procedure for special use permit applicants (Lisa and Chuck).