

## BOYCE HILL STEERING COMMITTEE

### Minutes

August 22, 2022

**Present via Zoom:** Pete Colgan, Corrie Miller, Sally Dwyer, Karrie Thomas, Woody Dugan, Chuck Martel, Lisa Koitzsch, and Amy Sheldon

1. Pete moved to approve the minutes from July 27, 2022. Chuck seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, motion was approved.
2. Short-Term Stewardship
  - Discussion about the pond's outer embankment and the need to move forward with a plan for removing larger trees. Next step is to mark the area for vegetation removal. Woody will coordinate and Lisa offered to help.
  - Chuck will follow up with Mike Jordan and ask if Sugarbush can engage in Fall mowing. Discussion re: brush hogging vs. flail mowing. Sally and Karrie will follow up with their brush-hogging contacts to check on availability and cost.
  - SC members should read Janet Saylor's letter and visit the trails that have been cut before the next meeting. Lisa will email Janet and ask her to stop any further cutting until the matter has been discussed by the SC. Lisa will also research the easement for the Saylor spring.
3. Management Plan Discussions
  - Amy reviewed where we have been and what we have accomplished so far. She noted that there is consensus on many issues but there are still some strategies that need to be addressed and prioritized. Before our next meeting, she will work on synthesizing goals for the SC to edit, list priorities, and begin working on the draft plan.
  - Amy walked the SC through some vegetation and riparian management issues using an onscreen GIS map. This will be a multi-step process as there are many issues to review. SC discussed items such as size and extent of water resource buffers, where to allow vegetation to regrow, where to cut vegetation and how frequently, where future trails might be placed, zoning compliance, management zones, invasive species management, etc. Working with the map allowed SC members to better visualize the issues they are tackling. This discussion will continue at the next meeting and Amy will send a draft map out for review by the SC.
  - Lisa will research liability for skating and winter use of the pond.
  - Woody will draft a list of reasons not to allow hunting and SC members will review.
  - Corrie will check in with Jason Wilson, Fayston Zoning Administrator re: buffers and trails within buffers. She will also contact Arrowwood for GIS 'trail' layer for Amy.
4. Lisa will send out a Doodle Poll to set up our next meeting.