

## BOYCE HILL STEERING COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

December 7, 2022

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

1. Karrie moved to approve the minutes from October 26, 2022, Chuck seconded, no further discussion, motion passed.
2. Management Plan – Continuation of Vegetation Management Discussions
  - Ski Glades – Agreement to pursue several areas where ski glades would be considered. Need to define “glade.” Detailed glade plan can be developed after long-term plan is completed.
  - Zone 18 – Agreement to allow this area to regenerate and keep a trail through it as opposed to having it be a selective management zone.
  - Saylor spring – Discussion about Town and landowner liabilities and responsibilities. Should this appear on the final map?
  - Western side – Discussion of buffer location on east and west side of stream. Lisa will GPS stream and birch clump this weekend. Disagreement by some SC members with Select Board over whether cutting/clearing would be/or not be allowed within the 100’ stream buffer on eastern side and the 50’ buffer on the western side. Amy will check-in with VLT.
  - Pete suggested a ‘historic’ management zone for the western wall and other cultural areas.
  - All agreed adding a category of rationales/goals for each zone is helpful.
  - Amy will try to incorporate SC comments on spreadsheet before the next meeting.
  - Review of zones spreadsheet item by item. There is disagreement over frequency of cutting in some of the zones. SC will continue this review at the next meeting.
3. 2023 Budget Discussion
  - Added funds request for invasive species monitoring and management.
  - Added Town Forest Reserve Fund withdrawal line item.
  - Removed a few items present in 2022 budget that were no longer relevant.
  - Corrie and Lisa will present this budget as part of the larger Conservation Commission budget to Select Board at their next budget meeting.
  - Karrie and Sally will work on a budget document for 2023.
4. Pete reported on the Cultural History Project. Samantha Ford was hired to work on the project and expected completion date will be Spring 2023. She will be contacting the Town Office soon to conduct deed and historical research.
5. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM via Zoom.