

BOYCE HILL STEERING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

June 7, 2023

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

1. Chuck moved to approve the minutes from May 22, 2023. Pete seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, motion was approved.
2. No public comment.
3. Remaining considerations in draft plan – Amy Sheldon and SC
 - Reviewed remaining questions that Amy had from comments SC members made throughout the document. Discussions to clarify language and descriptions around buffers, timing of mowing (birds/wintering pollinators), artificial channel (shrubby vegetation buffer with islands of trees), benches (consistency), and potential trail areas.
 - Lisa will upload the paper form of the survey to the Town website and send Amy the link.
 - Lisa will contact Caitlin Cusack about getting the final copy of the VLT invasives report to upload to the Town website.
 - Amy will make the changes from the meeting and send them out to the SC. This version of the draft plan will be used as the basis for setting up the public forum. Once the document is up on the Fayston Town website, any changes SC members have can be made internally or after the public forum.
4. Governance discussion – FCC and SC
 - SC reworked language about governance at the end of the plan.
 - Once the management plan has been approved, FCC will send out a solicitation for Boyce Hill Committee members. Letters/emails will be reviewed by the FCC and the SC and potential members will then be recommended to the Select Board for appointment.
 - Note: The Boyce Hill Committee is the stewardship committee responsible for stewardship project organization, volunteer coordination, fundraising, budgeting, management plan implementation, etc.
 - Lisa will work with Pete, Corrie, and Woody on developing the wording for the solicitation.
 - Pete and Woody will shift from the SC to serving on the Boyce Hill Committee once it has been formed.
5. Public Forum planning – Amy and SC
 - Thursday June 29th – In Person Public Meeting – Fayston Municipal Building with a Zoom option – 6:00PM to 7:30PM.
 - Once Amy makes changes to the draft document, we will put it up on the Town website for public review. This should happen by June 13th or 14th. The public will

be encouraged to comment either in writing or at the public meeting. Comments on the draft plan will be accepted until July 10th.

- Pete will take first crack at the presentation and the announcement.
 - The announcement will be publicized in the VR, FPF, and Town listserv.
 - Communication re: the public forum should go out no later than the 14th.
 - A SC member will do an introduction, and then Amy will present a 20- to 30-minute powerpoint presentation. This should leave an hour for Q & A.
 - The meeting should be taped and made available for people who cannot attend.
 - At the end of the presentation, questions should be directed to the Steering Committee. Zoom questions will be through the CHAT function.
 - We will have maps and the spreadsheet available in paper form for the meeting. 10-15 copies of the draft plan will be available.
6. Stewardship – Woody and Pete
- List of to-do items on the Google Drive
 - Woody will contact Ross Saxton about a quote for removing trees from the pond embankment.
7. Public Forum Date: **Thursday, June 29th from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM**
8. The SC expressed their sadness and shock at the news that Fayston resident Brad Belknap had passed away unexpectedly. He will be remembered with great fondness and appreciation.