

## **Oct 19, 2020 Meeting Agenda (next monthly meeting Nov 16, 2020) 7pm**

1. Call to Order, acknowledge quorum, introduce guests and/or public comments (up to 20 minutes)
2. Review & Approve Last Meeting Minutes – send copy to City Manager & City Clerk
3. Changes/Additions to Agenda
4. 2021 Priorities Discussion – see attached OSP items for inspiration!
5. Member Roundtable – update on below properties/activities
6. Adjourn by 8:30pm

### **Activity & Property List Updates:**

- **HCC Strategic/Comp Plan focus**
  - 2020 Comp Plan current conditions documents –on Google Docs; inputs on Recreation, Water Resources, Historic, Culture drafts by Oct 6. Natural (Land) Resources draft will be released in Oct. Public Outreach meetings will start in Nov & Dec.
- **Effie L. Berry Conservation Area (Berry CA)**
  - Invasives – propose fall/winter work days around pond area in 2020-2021
  - Naming of pond?
  - NOHA trails – signage and art in place! Great job by neighborhood and Alan S.
  - Kiosk trail map & sign update to include NOHA trails – Fall 2020 (KLT/Rosemary); order wooden signs
- **Hallowell Recreation Area/RES**
  - Signs – as of Sept 2020, 3 wooden trail signs missing (Rosemary will reorder)
  - Boundary Survey & Report - As of Oct Council mtg, accepted surveyor's docs and missing pins will be set; Property Comm & City Manager will still work with abutters on deed irregularities & Beacon Rd ROW. **HCC ACTION** – boundary will need blazed after surveyor's flag lines. Blaze Wildflower Trail at same time.
  - Invasives – HCC workday on Oct 8 targeted bittersweet on Reservoir Rd and trail heads
  - Follow up items from RTCA project - on hold until survey items finalized
  - Reroute of Piney Loop and Wildflower entrance off of Pipeline trail – as of April 2020 MBA club plans to submit proposal to HCC (Chris Riley and Garry Hinckley contacts). Must accommodate multi-use.
- **Granite City Park**
  - Pollinator garden – sign & post installed; new crabapple tree from HABOT planted in Sept 2020
  - Invasives – ongoing; 20'x60' tarped knotweed area; Fall cut?
- **Public Boat Launch - Ramp repairs & State sponsored redesign**
  - No actions from State as of June 2020 letting Planning Bd approval expire in July
- **Jamies Pond**
  - Trail sign updates – project for this year (Kat/Kelly)
  - MCC & Eagle Scout project (Troop 604) for Forest Trail in process as of early October
- **Manchester RTCA project**, contact is Garry Hinkley - update from Oct MCC mtg, **Pg 2 below** (Karen/Rosemary)
- **Brownfields Committee** – conservation opportunity with Buckeye property; no updates (Ben/City Manager)
- **HCC Workdays / Volunteers / Events / Publicity / Other topics**
  - Volunteers – self-directed property and trail work days will continue with covid-19 guidelines
    - Oct 3 weed whacking coordinated by Bill Allen at KRRT/Great Wall great success!
  - Tools or other expenses planned for 2021 – safety vests
  - Hallowell Champion (Bob McIntire) – Fall edition HCC article submitted by Rosemary/Deb
  - Update on hunting ordinances – Cathie reviewed with new Police Chief in Sept 2020 with action plan
  - Conservation style dog waste & leash signs – opened conversation with VW&HH on collaboration

## Manchester CC NPS Trail Project Update as of Oct 1, 2020- - Draft Minutes

### 4. Manchester Town Forest Trails project (MTFTP):

- a. Trail route/design: Garry and Tyler flagged a slightly different route for the Kerns Hill Rd section of the proposed Loop Trail, based on Jean-Luc's advice. New map reviewed. The short connector trail from Kerns Hill Loop Trail to the 'junkyard' area will need to be flagged. Garry and Tyler will work on this. This connector would keep the trail on Town land and would facilitate access to the "Res." Tyler will coordinate a date/time for interested MCC members to walk the revised Kerns Hill Rd section of the trail. In light of landowner preferences (see 4b), Garry, Tyler, Jackie (and possibly Jean-Luc) will assess feasibility of using Town land (rather than the True property section of the Pipeline) to access the CMP corridor and to maintain the continuity of the proposed Loop Trail. Additionally, use of Town land in this section could facilitate future trail development on Town land on the other side of the CMP corridor. The group discussed the potential need/feasibility of separating the walking trail from the ATV trail along the CMP corridor. Julie suggested that the status of the ATV trail along the CMP corridor be reviewed in this regard.
- b. Landowner contacts/relations: Pipeline section: Jeff J communicated with the True family, who declined MCC request to use the section of the Pipeline that goes through their land for inclusion in future trail. Garry made contact with CMP staff and plans to set up Zoom mtg with CMP representative, Julie, and any interested MCC members. If the connector trail to the 'junkyard' (see section 4a) cannot be done successfully on Town land (ie, if there is too much wet area), then further landowner contact may be considered. Julie raised question of whether Town of Manchester and/or Town of Hallowell needs to be contacted for formal acceptance/approval of at least the Kerns Hill Rd portion of the proposed Loop Trail. Garry will bring this request to Manchester BOS.
- c. Trail building: Discussion of need to hire trail professionals, such as Maine Conservation Corps, to review proposed trail and help estimate labor/materials costs for trail construction. Julie explained that the report generated by this type of professional trail review will help with future completion of RTP grant request. Julie will research Maine Conservation Corps' availability/cost. Jeff J indicated funds are available from MCC to pay for the professional trail assessment. Garry said that CeMeNEMBA might be able to help with developing trails in the section closer to the CMP corridor, especially in light of inability to use the True property section of the Pipeline.
- d. Parking: Garry will bring proposal for parking spaces (possibly 2-3) at Kerns Hill Rd to Manchester BOS.