

SFSC Approved Meeting Minutes

Sept. 27, 2022

Time: 5:30-7:00pm

Date: 9/27/2022

Location: OSC - library

Facilitator: Nancy Everhart

Present: Brett, Nancy, Patrick, Michael

CC Rep: none

Public: none

Public Comment: none

Agenda adjustment(s):

Approve (June, August) minutes: tabled until meeting with at least 4 members (Michael arrived mid-way through meeting)

Topics:

- Oct. 22 work day planning - rebuilding Old Mill trail boardwalk
 - Committee members will bring tools (shovels, pry bar, chain saws, impact drivers, chargers and batteries, and other trail clearing tools such as loppers). Nancy will bring a generator for charging batteries. Agreement that chicken wire stapled to boards will provide traction; if there are enough volunteers we can complete this on Oct. 22, or come back to it later.
 - we will need a truck to transport materials to the trail head (intersection of Old Mill trail and Thompson Road, a day or more ahead of Oct. 22. Hoping that Ellen's truck is available - Patrick will also look into using a VYCC truck. Nancy can bring PT lumber and other supplies to the Hollister Hill parking area, but not further.
 - 9 - 2 - ask people to bring lunch/snacks. Meet at Hollister Hill parking area. And Nancy will ask Marshfield Village Store for lunch donations.
 - spreading the word - Patrick will put up flyers at local places; Nancy will do FPF posting; Brett will reach out to some regular trail users; Michael will put a notice on FB; all Committee members will email/contact their local networks.
 - Committee agreed that if there are enough volunteers, another project could be to find large stones and haul them to the stream crossing on the Old Mill trail. Patrick will bring a stone hauler that VYCC uses in case. Also, general clipping on the Old Mill trail and other nearby trails.

- Pitkin farm road parking - Nancy updated the group on her conversation with Caleb Pitkin - she has relayed that to Chris Martin to discuss with other Selectboard

members. Caleb is primarily concerned about safety in the winter, and would like a no parking sign posted from Dec - March.

- regular trail maintenance and designating trail stewards - Nancy to ask Bobbi about liability for volunteers if not part of an organized work day. More discussion needed on outreach if liability not an issue. Idea would be to have more non-Committee member involved in stewarding trails.
- Black Ash project (in case there are any updates beyond the email) - no updates
- other business - new members - Committee discussed possibility of non-Marshfield residents (ie. Plainfield) being appointed to the Committee, if they are Forest users and enthusiasts. More discussion needed. Brett will reach out to Julie Medose to see if she is still interested; if not, Committee will brainstorm other possible new members and put out another general call for members following next meeting.

(October) Agenda Topics: draft budget, town meeting report, new members, debrief work day, trail updates, trail registers

Facilitator: Nancy