

Walden Parks Committee

October Monthly Meeting

Date: October 5, 2022; 6:15 – 7:20 PM; Walden Town Hall

Attendees: Christian Tartaglia, Larry Skaggs, Lance Pope, Karen Stone, Emily Lindner

Minutes: Emily Lindner

Introduction of new members: n/a

General Business:

- Luke taking leave from committee due to family issues (communicated by email)
- Lance to clarify committee voting members and send any needed paperwork to new members
- No September meeting
- August 3, 2022 meeting minutes – Voter Approved

Mabbitt Springs Park: Larry 6:20-6:40

- Trailhead to the spring looks good and no issues visible
- Issue of the residential “no trespassing” signs keeping visitors away? Raised and discussed
 - o Residents are not open to new markings or formalizing an agreement with town on trail/land use
 - o Need for signs, then, to direct visitors to the falls along other route?
- Larry has a good contact (Leader: Jason Lockery) for Eagle Scouts to assign trailhead bridge project; interested scout would assess, estimate material, and submit to our committee; with review and approval, town would pay for materials; scout(s) would complete project from that point forward
 - o Task: Larry to return to scout troop for an estimate, so we can see if costs would fit into current budget
- Karen suggested that this committee is finished with all asks from the town’s plan (i.e., Fixing entrance to mabbitt springs trailhead, falling waters), except: to design a standard signage for town of walden
 - o Signage could be centralized and then visually linked; issue that has come up when this is discussed is not wanting to attract too much traffic; perhaps no wayfaring (due to expected changes to commercial district) signs but point of destination signs
 - o Committee agreed that the design used on Town Hall, McCoy, etc. should be standard; need to write up and present at a Town council meeting
 - o Signs (using this standard) would then be added at park trailheads

Falling Water: Tal not in attendance, but emailed Lance with requests for minor expenditures

- Signage could be added to the parking lot (See above)

- Lance: the State owns property all the way down to the valley, but it's residential property that creates the boundary; who do you talk to find out how to develop it (from Redbank side?)
- Christian said he will ask a friend who bought property in the valley about what s/he knows about the boundaries of the State property

Connectivity: Tim and Luke not in attendance / 6:45-7:15

- Lance reminded committee that we have adequate funds for it, and we have a plan
- 1) Need a plan 2) Get it to Mac to approve/clarify 3) Issue to contractors for bids 3) Submit to town for approval
- McCoy will pay for a break in gate; town to pay for side and culvert; powered push button flashing light at an adequate distance (125 ft?, as noted on one of the detailed photos/plans) from the curve; crossing flag possibility; rumble strips possibility; striping style; Walking lane delineated down to the pumpkin patch with the pedestrian symbol
 - o Task: Write up the plan: Lance will ask Tim Hancock
 - o Karen: Does pumpkin patch then need a parking lot on Laurel Rd? NO, as it is intended as walking connectivity

Disc Golf:

- Bo not in attendance
- Email sent to Lance with proposed improvements (over a year ago), but the committee hasn't had participation from him since.
- Chrisitan mentioned a new resident who played the existing course and saw needs for improvement, including:
 - o Poured concrete launch pads
 - o Better signage