

Rines Property Advisory Committee
Monday, May 15, 2006
7:00 PM Council Chambers
Minutes

Present: Bob Heyner, Lisa Judd, Bob Waterhouse, Sally Stockwell, Steve Moriarty, Bill Richards, Tom Hinman, Jeff Porter and Bill Shane.

Absent: John Stroud, Henry Milburn, Jeff Steinman, and Jennifer West.

Call to Order at 7:07 pm.

I. April 17, 2006 - Meeting Minutes Review & Acceptance

Bill Richards moved to accept the minutes of the April 17, 2006 meeting. Bob Heyner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

II. Trails – Discuss approval of placement of culvert and crushed stone & placement of future kiosk.

Bob Waterhouse recapped the Clean Up/Trail Walk that occurred on April 30, 2006 and the committee discussed where they thought the trails were as opposed to where the current map indicates.

Bill Shane said he had met with the surveyor to discuss creating a more accurate map of the existing trails. The surveyor would begin this work within the next three or four weeks. Mr. Shane mentioned installing a small culvert and crushed stone to make it easier to get to the trail entrance; chip some of the brush that is on the ground and then erect a kiosk in the fall that could have a map of the trails and other information on it.

The Committee discussed the letter from the Town attorney relating to ADA compliance. The Town's insurance carrier would be contacted for an opinion and this item would be revisited at a later time.

The Committee discussed the crushed stone or gravel that would be spread over a culvert at the entrance.

There was discussion regarding a portion of the trail that travels along Dale Rines' property that weaves on to his property then back onto the Town's. The committee talked about cutting a trail through the town's property to keep people from taking this route. There was also discussion about installing a gate at the part where the trail becomes Dale's property to keep people from entering this area.

Bob Heyner made a motion to install a 12' x 8" culvert and approximately 2 yards +/- of crushed stone at the Rines Forest entrance. Bill Richards seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

The Committee discussed placing rocks to create a stream crossing possibly in December 2006. The Committee talked about when they should begin establishing a forestry plan. Sally Stockwell felt that the Committee did not need to develop the plan at this time because Dale Rines had recently logged the forest when the Town bought the property. Tom Hinman felt they should have discussions now so that they would know what needed to be done in the future. Bob Waterhouse felt that the Committee's goals for the forest should be designated now. Bill Shane suggested meeting with Woodlot Alternatives this summer to find out more information about forest management. There was discussion regarding inventory of assets, wildlife protection, maintaining forest health and quality and whether the Management Plan needed to be completed first, before a forestry plan was created. The committee thought that talking with other communities that have forests would be another way to help them determine what steps to take in developing a forestry plan.

The latest version of the Management plan would be sent out to the committee for review before the next meeting.

III. Other Business & Future Meetings

- a. The Next Meeting will be held on June 19, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

IV. Adjournment

The Committee unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Stroud
Executive Secretary