

# Twin Brook Minutes January 8, 2013

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## **Attendance:**

John Leavitt  
John Eldredge  
Joe Loring  
Kay Fowler  
Anne Witte  
Iwona Tarling  
Teri Maloney Kelly  
Christopher Bolduc  
Laura Neleski

## **Call to Order 6:30pm**

## **Motion to accept the Minutes of November 13, 2012**

Motion made by Teri Maloney Kelly

Motion seconded by Joe Loring

Vote: Unanimous

## **Old Business:**

**Mowing-** Mr. Leavitt asked about reducing the mowing on the front field on the Greely Road side of the park. Mr. Bolduc reported that mowing could be reduced on that field, that it had been mowed frequently inadvertently. It will just be mowed once a year to avoid brush growing but that would be the extent of it.

Ms. Witte asked about the different areas being cut: 1 cut vs. several mowings vs. short cut. Mr. Bolduc updated the group on information about mowing in several areas of the park; overflow parking area, the island areas and front field. Mr. Leavitt expressed interest in meeting with the Conservation Commission.

**Timber Harvesting-** Town Forest, develop timber plan next fall of 2013 and look to harvest 2014. Mr. Eldredge: can harvester cleanup dead trees along trails to open the canopy? The plan would cover this as well. John Leavitt noted that winter is a good time because the ground is frozen.

**Community Garden-** Mr. Leavitt read Ms. Marsden's note about the community garden about the progress or lack of it this year, the problems with the compost, poor soil for growing and lower than anticipated yields. It was discussed that it was a poor growing season throughout the area for certain crops. The garden will go on in the same location, within the same footprints again next year.

## **New Business:**

- Mr. Leavitt brought up the subject of an 'April Stool Day' that had been discussed at a previous meeting. The general concept was discussed as to how the Park would benefit from a community wide clean-up day. Work could be put out at the park and out to the dog walking

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community but any park users could assist in making the trails and fields clean and ready. Topics discussed included putting posters up at the park, notices in the Crier and perhaps other publications. Mr. Loring would work with Ms. Neleski in organizing the details, perhaps with the assistance of Ms. Stowell. Ideas and plans could be brought to the next meeting and decided upon which would just leave enough time to take action.

- There was a general discussion on the walking trails and where dogs could walk in the winter. The park rules and policies say that dogs are not allowed on the groomed skiing trails but do not restrict the dog walkers from a particular area of the park. Ms. Tarling noted that there are many different signs in the park at this time of year and they are not the same and many are not very clear. Mr. Bolduc indicated that he would review the winter signage.
- Cross Country Ski Racing has started. Ms. Witte asked about the shelter building restrooms being open and Mr. Bolduc said he could move the port-a-potty over the that area to accommodate all the rec programs and skiers.
- Mr. Leavitt asked the group if they would like to nominate another chairman or if the group would like him to continue. After a short discussion, Ms. Maloney Kelly moved to keep Mr. Leavitt as chair, Ms. Fowler seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. All organization will remain for the upcoming year.
- Ms. Maloney Kelly spoke about the luminary walk event that was going to be held and the park and the group thought this would be a good event.
- Ms. Tarling noted a tree down by the Ravine Trail – Mr. Bolduc would have staff address this.
- Mr. Bolduc mentioned a new snowmobile that had been acquired and would be used to groom the trails whenever time, condition and staffing allowed.

### **Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion made by Ms. Maloney Kelly

Motion seconded by Kay Fowler

**Meeting adjourned at 8pm**