

AGENDA
Boyce Hill Town Forest Steering Committee
9/15/20 - 5:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Zoom Meeting Information (see below)

- I. Introductions
 - A. Background, why interested, skills
 - B. Scope for meeting
 - 1. Select Board (SB) charge to Conservation Commission
 - 2. Decision points uncertain
 - 3. Draft Management Plan to be approved by SB
 - C. BHTF SC Mission
 - 1. People & Natural Resources (Vermont Land Trust (VLT) easement)
 - 2. Change to community-owned and future-facing
- II. Plan & Status Update
 - A. Town Forest Fund
 - B. Phase 1 - Learning
 - 1. Natural History
 - a) County Forester visit
 - b) Vermont Center for Ecostudies (VCE) - Grassland birds
 - c) Natural Resources Inventory - Dubois & King
 - d) Audubon Vermont Report
 - e) Invasives Report - VLT
 - f) Vernal Pool mapping - for VCE
 - g) Vermont Fish & Wildlife biologist/fisheries visit(s)
 - h) Field walks
 - 2. Cultural History
 - a) Vermont Master Naturalist project
 - (1) Deed research
 - (2) Historical documents (i.e. Ag census)
 - (3) Land use feature mapping
 - (4) Oral histories
 - C. Phase 2 - Public Outreach and Input
 - 1. Gather public input
 - a) Input to-date and its influence on timeline
 - b) Future input
 - (1) Possible tools - surveys, meetings, forums
 - (2) Record/Acknowledge
 - 2. Facilitator
- III. Interim Management - More immediate to-dos
 - A. Pond embankment
 - B. Misuse
 - 1. Fishing → considering another sign by pond
 - 2. Motorized Vehicles → considering more rocks along drive
 - 3. Fires → we keep removing them, they keep appearing, considering another sign by pond
 - 4. Dogs off leash

- C. Active management
 - 1. Fix entry sign
 - 2. More signage
 - 3. Removal of firepits
 - 4. Mowing regime
 - 5. Small-mouth bass
 - 6. Phragmites
 - D. Private Property Interaction
 - 1. Trails from/to BHTF
 - 2. Property boundary question
 - E. Public Input
 - 1. How to track and record ASAP?
 - 2. Develop long-term management input/engagement process
 - F. Commercial Use
 - 1. Issues to-date
 - 2. Special Use Permit process
- IV. Meeting Schedule
- A. Day & Time
 - B. # of meetings (2 per month?)
 - C. Public notice - 5 days?
 - D. Minutes
- V. Next Steps?
- A. What do you need? Resources, etc.
 - B. Work Plan Brainstorm - What needs to get done?
 - 1. More learning?
 - 2. Fundraising
 - 3. Outreach/Engagement
 - 4. Administration
 - 5. Communications

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