

Kennedy Park Committee Meeting October 14, 2021, 8:30 am Lenox Town Hall

Present: Bob Coakley, Luke Martin, Ruth Wheeler, and Tom Roche

Absent: Joe Nolan, Andy Breslin, Sue McNinch, Terry Weaver, Ray Kirby

Call to order: 8:30 am

Treasurer's Report: \$12,029.11 Trust, \$0.00 Park Fund, \$5490.00 Overlook.

Bills paid to Chris Carnevale for tree cutting: \$100 on Aug 31 and \$125 on 9/27 and paid to Tom Stebbins \$125 weed whacking 10/12. The Park Fund balance is at zero. Charlie Brown will ask for \$3000 from the Town to replenish it

Trail Maintenance report by RW: The summer of 2021 has been very very wet. On July 18 approx. 3 inches of heavy rain hit in 2 hours. The total for the week was approx. 11 inches!!

Trails that washed out include Deer Run right near the dump/snow fence. A huge 4-6 foot deep gully washed out and the small stones spilled down the slope making it impossible to recover. Ray Kirby and Bill Markham did an admirable job of restoring the trail to better than it was. Bill came with his tractor and moved a big stone to plug a hole in the stream. Instead of bringing in stone he used a pile of dirt that was on the edge and pulled it into the holes. Ray did some work at the top end with the DPW machine.

Also washed out: Woolsey x Main. The water jumped the ditch and washed out the entire trail. Bill was able to repair it with his tractor and never asked for any payment. Volunteered his time!

Undermountain at Cliffwood street washed out. Unknown status of repair

Aspinwall washed out with a 2-foot-deep gully down the middle just up from Woolsey. Ruth and Cliff filled the gully in by hand and pulled soil over the stones – huge amount of work

Woolsey washed out at the stream crossing by Wilderness. I threw some stones in the bigger holes, but it still needs work.

Tom Roche reported the kiosk at Cold Spring x Woolsey is leaning

Trees down July and August: Undermt x slippery rock. ATT and kpmb4- huge tree blocked both trails- removed by Shawn Fitzgerald. Weaver x Main: A huge tree fell blocking the entire intersection. Removed by SF. Many other trees on Log hop, big leaner on Bridges, Upper Redneck, Wilderness x cutoff etc

Old business: KPMB4: a small section of trail was rerouted, it's now more sustainable

Fire Pit at Belvedere: Grass has grown in and its barely visible

New business: RW will ask Gwen to write a letter of support for a grant that Tamarack Hollow is applying for from the Lenox Cultural Council to lead a educational hike in KP

Next meeting is April 14.2022

Ruth Wheeler Secretary