ACF Meeting notes 6/28/21

**Monday, June 28, 2021**

**Andrews Community Forest Committee**

**Committee Members Attending:** Wright Preston, Nick Neverisky, Tyler Merritt (notes), Caitlin Littlefield, Ellen Kraft

**ZOOM-** Jim Monahan, Jesse Crary, Cecilia Danks, John Kart, Jim Cochran

**Public present:** Kevin Bessett, Brad Elliot, Bob Low- conservation commission,

**Committee Members Not Present:** Amy Powers, Jesse Crary

Adding a quick discussion about signage at the end of the meeting - Caitlin

Wright Preston- Senator Lahey - Wright is meeting with VYCC and the Senator to meet and give a 1 minute overview of Conservation commission success ~

Motion to approve minutes form -

April 26 abstentions -

May 27- abstentions -

6/16- Tyler abstentions, Ellen, Tyler, Cecilia

**Trail Design Next Steps-**Caitlin

Identify a date to meet with arrowwood and sinuosity and the selectboard with the public

Main objective is for Arrowwood to give a final presentation and answer questions and receive feedback and make adjustments.

After this meeting, revisions would be made, and then this final draft would be submitted to the SB for final approval.

Suggestions:

Caitlin to suggest these dates to hold to Arrowwood and to Josh (he will wrangle a SB member)

E to send email to community

Suggest to Arrowwood Tuesday 7/27,28,29 and 8/2 or 8/3

CANCEL our meeting for the 7/26 and reschedule for Monday the second 8/2

Process for Amending Management Plan and obtaining SB , Easement,

Ellen to follow up with \*\*Keith\*\* the ZA about any DRB permits that may be required for trail building as a ‘recreational facility’. What exactly do we need to do for trail building- do we need to pull permits? What do we need to do for the select board / drb …. Hopefully nothing….!

**Trail placement discussion**

Brad Elliot feels like the trails do not abide by the mgmt plan- but others note that the management plan states that the concept map is intended to be only a concept.

Trail Mileage- Need to get a more precise acknowledgement…

Write up a summary with Vast and without…. Tyler and Caitlin get different numbers for mileage...

Cecelia- want to keep NE area empty- spirit of the concept map??

3 trails in the NE when there only need to be 1 or 2

Proposed removing one of the three trails in the NE quadrant- ridge trail or overlooking the ravine…. Both very cool trails “coming down” the most eastern trail of the three is the “climbing up” trail.

Multiple different indicators for us to use, and this is confusing! Going forward, we should have just ONE indicator and location in the management plan and easement etc. where all details for trail building are consolidated in one place with one measurement…. Currently we are trying to accomodate a bunch of different indicators...

-trails concept map

-density of trails number and

-mileage of trails….

John Kart- would like to see an overlay of sensitive areas and trails-

Proposed trail walk on July 10th or 11th to check out the flagging-

The color of the flagging aligns with the color of the “trail” on the concept map

The “knot” on the flagging indicates on which side of the tree the trail is intended for…

Wright flagged with orange flagging ACF and Sunshine boundary line

**~Questions for Arrowwood~**

-Overlay maps in presentation

-Why are there no trails in the NW quadrant? - didn’t want to cross ravine, consolidate usage...more interesting….

-Why 3 trails in one place?

-Why within 200 feet of central wildlife corridor

-\*\*\*Resolution of trail mileage… we need a breakdown with VAST and without and including the full vast trail east to west

Motion for Wright to remove gate from current location and lock to a tree nearby.

Seconded by Tyler- all voted in favor.

Jim Cochran- wants to see the ACF be an ambassador for recreation and happy to see trails there~.

**Signage at the Kiosk~**

There is a sign that has 2 items that are inconsistent

\*Dawn till dusk > change to **No overnight parking or camping** >> revise this is the plan and conservation easement<<<

**\*Bikers are welcome\***