

**Town of Westminster
Massachusetts 01473
Crocker Pond Recreation Area
July 12, 2017**

Members Present: Kathleen Brennan, Mary Ann Falconer, Karen Farrell, Pat Hatzis, Pat Streeter and Heather Billings by teleconference

Others Present: Tom Torrans

Call to order: Kathleen Brennan called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Tom Torrans' input:

Tom provided updates on the 180 State Road East property and reported that monitoring wells and water markers have been installed on and near some trails. Excavation work is set to begin in September.

Old Business:

The committee discussed rerouting the Whitman River Trail away from the 180 State Road East property and the installation of trail closure signs.

Kathleen Brennan made a motion to table the discussion and resume at a later date to allow the committee time to investigate proper signage for the area.

Interviews continue for the staff position.

Committee members are up to date on first aid certification.

Kathleen showed the committee the books that were purchased for the book walk kiosks.

New Business:

Karen asked if there was an EpiPen available in the first aid kit. Kathleen said there is not. A general first aid kit is available for people to administer minor first aid to themselves. A defibrillator is also available at the pond.

Committee will keep invoice signing procedure as is.

Heather will send a thank you note to Dollar General for the donation of water bottles to the pond.

Ken Chalifaux's son will have a cribbage board made to donate to the pond.

Kathleen reported that motorized vehicles have been heard on the trails. Pat Hatzis suggested installing a camera on the trail. Kathleen and Pat will find a location.

Committee will reiterate to staff that blow up water crafts are not authorized for use on the pond.

There have been reports of people entering Crocker Pond from South Ashburnham Road. Staff should call police if people enter by the road and are here after 8:00 pm as they are violating the no trespassing.

Tom Torrans turned in his keys to Crocker Pond and told the committee that he will no longer be able to volunteer at the pond and looks forward to enjoying the recreation area as a resident. The committee thanked Tom for his many years of hard work and dedication to the maintenance of the pond as well as the historical knowledge that he has imparted to the committee, staff and residents through his presentations and Crocker Pond walks.

Next Meeting: July 20, 2017 at 5:30 in Town Hall

Meeting Adjourned: 6:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Ann Falconer