

NCC Minutes 4/17/18

Open meeting 7:03 p.m.

Present: S. Shope, L. Carroll, D. Mason, P. Lewis, L. Hill, J. Couture, T. Winn, Guest Matt Caron

1) Administrative Business:

- a) Minutes 4/17/18: S. Shope motions to accept as amended, D. Mason seconds, all in favor YES.
- b) Treasurer's report: T. Winn motions to accept, S. Shope seconds, all in favor YES.

2) Old Business:

- a) Memorial for Ray LaBranche: L. Hill still waiting to hear from SPNHF for permission to put the bench on the property.
- b) Snow Dog: Matt Caron- chair of Merrimac Conservation Commission and president of NE Mountain Bike Assoc.

The Snow Dog is an engine on a snowmobile track that can drag various implements to groom trails for mountain biking, cross-country skiing, etc.. The mountain bike club in Merrimac purchased one that they use to groom their trails. The public in general has approved of its use. M. Caron has also made a presentation to the Exeter Con. Comm.. The cost is about \$2400 which includes a small sled.

- S. Shope- Newfields has a hybrid of snowmobile and non-motorized trails
 - P. Lewis stated that the Greenway would be a perfect place to use one.
 - L. Hill pointed out that the Town Forest (approx. 40 acres) is the only land solely owned by the town. We would need to get permission from SELT, the Ruggs, etc. to use it on other lands.
 - S. Shope recommends someone volunteer to do this. P. Lewis stated that he will be moving out of town so will have to resign from the commission. J. Couture volunteered to make the contacts.
 - S. Shope asked if this might be a better project for the mountain bikers but P. Lewis replied that he thought it would be better to have a public entity coordinating and asking permission.
- c) NCC members: A. Watts will not be renewing. J. Couture will be sworn in.

3) New Business:

- a) PREP invoice: \$1,000 to support monitoring Great Bay. S. Shope motions we pay, D. Mason seconds, all in favor YES.
- b) Agritourism: J. Asnaani unable to attend tonight