

Mount Agamenticus Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Day: Wednesday, March 17, 2010
Location: Kennebunk Savings Bank, Hannaford Branch, York, Maine
Time: 1:10 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Chair: Doreen MacGillis

Members Present:

Conservation Coordinator, Robin Kerr
GWRLT, Darrell DeTour
MDIF&W, Judy Camuso
The Nature Conservancy, Parker Schuerman
The Nature Conservancy, Alex Mas
Town of South Berwick, Sharon Brassard
Town of York, -----
York Land Trust, Doreen MacGillis
York Water District, Gary Stevens

Public Present: none

Chair: Doreen MacGillis
Minutes taken by: Darrell DeTour, transcribed by Robin Kerr

Approved minutes from previous meeting: 02/24/10
Minutes were approved as written.

Public forum: *No public present*

Correspondence/ presentations/ requests: *n/a*

Gary Steven's report:

Gary and the Water District have busy with storm related issues and the algae bloom in Chase's pond. SAR update: Gary brought in an updated SAR map to show progress made to date. Gary & Robin discussed in detail and explained the this map will be distributed for SAR and management purposes only and will not be given to the general public.

Coordinator's report:

Robin will be presenting to the York Selectmen on April 12th about new plans for apartment and lodge. The tenant is closing on new home and plans to be vacating the space by the end of that month. Robin has also forwarded the Committee's approved sign for new rock pile to Brian Michaud. There had been no response as of this meeting. Robin passed around photos of damage done to barn and lodge during late Feb. nor'easter. Driving rain is the issue. Some tree damage but not nearly as much as last year's ice storm. Four larger trees, a few smaller ones and some debris. Visitors have cleaned up a fair amount of the smaller stuff blocking trails. Parker talked about Tom's of Maine Day. Robin reviewed events calendar for 2010 field season and hiring process for trail crew and park attendant.

Budget update: *n/a*

Discussion item: *friends/learning lodge open house/sneak peek @ the peak. New date proposed is Saturday, June 12th from 10-1pm. The general public will be invited and Committee is asked to attend. Robin shared the large proposed design layout plan for lodge and discussed progress and status esp. of Mt. A contour model. The Center for Wildlife will bring up 2 displays for the event- a turtle exhibit and perhaps a small wetland display. After the Sneak Peek the Learning Lodge will be open during select hours on weekends to start. Committee discussed idea of using sneak peek as a major fundraising event but large donations typically come following a more personal ask. Also be careful not to solicit from the same people that we would tend to go to for other conservation needs. Scoop the press and use it for public awareness and getting the word out. Perhaps even DownEast Magazine or Bill Green's Maine.*

Determined that the general public is the audience for the Sneak Peek and not donors and that it is more of a community event. Funders, professionals, etc. would be better to invite on a Thursday evening for example. This could be organized after the event, and the event could be the fundraising awareness tool. At another meeting Committee will try to figure out an overall fundraising strategy for the items on the proposed budget list. List needs to be updated and refined. Committee would also like to discuss placement of displays, information, and other needs at the lodge, next time we meet there. Discussed possible integration of MTA2C information.

New business item: n/a

Executive Session: Coordinator annual evaluation- closed to public

Adjourn 3:00pm

Next meeting scheduled for April 21st at 1:00 p.m.

Location: Kennebunk Savings Bank, Hannaford Branch, York, ME or TBD