

## **BOUGHTON PARK MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 10, 2020**

The meeting was held at the Victor Town Hall. In attendance were Dave Damaske, Claudia Walsh, Ann Borgstrom, Chauncy Young, Lisa Roberts, Jim Wieboldt, Christian Culbertson, Bill Travis, Jack Marren (Victor Town Supervisor; via Zoom), Sue Sterling (via Zoom) and Sue Banister (via Zoom).

Dave Damaske called the meeting to order at 7PM. Dave provided each participant with a packet containing the Agenda for tonight's meeting, the Treasurer's Report, the minutes from the January, 13th meeting, a memo from Chauncy ( tree planting, trail planning, and updates on projects), and a memo from Claudia about Bass Masters.

The minutes of the January 13,2022 meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Lisa and seconded by Chauncy. The minutes were unanimously accepted by the members.

Ann reviewed the Treasurer's Report and reviewed outstanding bills to be paid. She stated that she had received monies from the Towns of East Bloomfield and Victor. The Supervisor for the Town of West Bloomfield had assured her in writing their share would be forthcoming, providing that there was some adjustment because of an over-payment from 2019. The Supervisor wanted their share reduced by the amount that was overpaid. Ann reviewed the amounts involved and answered questions from the Commission's members. Another item of concern was the payment to the garbage company for either 1or 2 garbage containers at the Stirnie Road parking lot. Ann stated she would contact the garbage company to verify what was being charged. Bill made a motion to approve the payment of the bills and to credit a one time adjustment in the amount of the over-payment for the Town of West Bloomfield. Claudia seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously approved.

Dave Damaske asked Chauncy to provide the Commission with an overview of the tree planting project and the trail planning projects. Chauncy stated VHT/PTSA tree planting was scheduled for April 24th and would be conducted similarly as last year's planting. One hundred trees had been donated by Victor Hiking Trails for use in the Park and for a portion of the Seneca trail. With regard to trail planning and trail/road repairs he offered several suggestions. Ann and Claudia also had some suggestions as to what needed to be done. The aid of the mini excavator would be essential for all of these projects.

Dave Damaske stressed that the mini excavator Bobcat was not like the Park tractor. It is small and powerful. Training is needed for anyone operating the machine. Dave explained he would like as many Park Commission members trained as possible. Several members jumped at the chance to be trained. Ann was concerned about having insurance to cover anyone using the excavator. Bill offered to contact the insurance company to learn what would be needed to ensure coverage. He mentioned that there would probably need a training curriculum as to what was being taught and the hours of training provided. Lisa stated that Kevin H and Matt assisting in the park with regard to trail maintenance need to be careful on the number of hours worked.

Dave Damaske urged Commission members to be vigilant about trail conditions and to report a potentially dangerous situation. Claudia told about a tree leaning over a trail with little or no support except vines. Dave Damaske authorized her to contact Junot Trees so that the matter could be taken care of promptly. He also suggested that Claudia remind Junot Trees about providing documentation of their insurance. Claudia also reported that the main road was too narrow for emergency vehicles. This is due to the fact that only 1/2 of the road is plowed leaving the rest for skiers and snowshoers. Dave stated he would have Kevin plow a little wider. If more help is needed he could be contacted for assistance.

Discussions were also held about the width of the trails and general properties of the trails. Some members wanted a wide trail so that equipment could be moved on the trails easily. In order to explore all possibilities, Dave Damaske, appointed a subcommittee to meet, discuss and design trail options. This committee would report back to the board for final approval. The subcommittee members are Dave, Claudia, Ann, and Chauncy.

Jack Marren was asked about the dams and grants from government agencies to help bring the dams under DEC requirement. Jack explained that grant writing is not a simple procedure. It requires engineering reports and assistance from the DEC. The person at the DEC who was assisting with the grant request has left that office and has been replaced by another. To date that new person has been contacted, but has not responded back. He is representing the other two Towns because the other two Supervisors were not available.

Jack did say there is the possibility of having the culverts repaired with state funds under control of the 3 Towns. All in all there is not much hope for federal or state grants. One solution is to invite the Town of Farmington to join in with the 3 Towns. He stated the 3 Supervisors would be able to meet with the Commission at either the March or April meeting. If this is agreeable, Dave Damaske can contact his office to arrange this.

Other problems reported were beaver and deer damage in the park. One recommendation is to allow a limited hunting time during the hunting season. Nothing definite was decided.

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lisa second that motion. There was unanimous approval. The meeting ended at 7:50PM.