

Mine Falls Park Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – April 3rd , 2023

Attendees: Jeff Hannigan, Paula Lochhead, Pamela Anderson, Dick Gillespie, Trisha Mullin, Bryan Conant

Guests: **N/A**

Call to Order – 7:04 PM

Approval of March Meeting Minutes – Motion (Jeff) Seconded (Trish); Approved

Parks Dept Topics:

- Trail Day sign numbers were ordered and plans were discussed for re-installing the signs for the seasonal
- Discussion on whether downed and cleared trees are removed to the satisfaction of the committee
 - Current approach is to cut out the section that impedes the trail; move those segments off the trail, and otherwise leave them and the remainder of the tree as-is to decompose naturally
 - Committee has on concerns given the effort involved for any alternative to bring in additional vehicles/equipment
 - The canal specifically has some value as turtle habitat although there is also an element of unimpeded flow and sediment buildup to account for
 - Any larger remediation of canal flow, trees or otherwise, is consider a broader topic and larger effort involving engaging for studies on the flow and cleanup needs

Committee Topics

- Trail Day Planning
 - April attendees and targets confirmed
 - Knotweed covering is priority #1 as a large project
 - First-of-the-season pick up is second priority
 - With a focused assignment targeting the Cove overlooks
 - Cleanup in the gatehouse parking lot, particularly the strung fence is third priority
- Hippo Article
 - Approached due to the number of responses identify MFP as a top NH Park!
 - Seeking a spokesperson to ask about the committee; Pam will field their questions

Adjournment – 7:44 PM