

Mobbs Farm Committee Minutes

July 25, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Jericho Town Hall

Members Present: Pam Gillis, Andy Dumas, Terry Hook, Mike Rocheleau, Dick Sears, Chris Smith

Absent: Pete Davis, Mike Remington

1. Public comment: No public present.
2. The minutes of the June 20 meeting were approved as presented.
3. Update on Timber and Stone: All work detailed in Timber and Stone's April 24 Project Estimate has been completed, including two boardwalks on the Apple Tree Trail covering 43 linear feet, 260 linear feet of crushed stone surfacing, and a post-frost heave bridge reset. The final invoice of \$1,625 was delivered in early July and paid from FY'17 funds. We're very happy with the positive response to these trail improvements that we've received from the community.
4. An RFP for FY'17 property improvements was released on July 19. Work includes:
 - a) Improvement to chronically wet sections of the Out and Back Trail; and
 - b) Improvement to the section of trail that links the trails coming from the Browns Trace trailhead and the trail along the southwestern edge of the Fire Swamp.

A pre-proposal site visit for interested consultants is scheduled for August 1. Pam, Dick, Andy, Mike, and Terry are available to participate in this walk. Proposals are due by August 17, and we'll select a consultant by August 23.

5. The Mobbs Farm Management Plan includes a rotating schedule for brush-hogging field sections to maintain low-stature vegetation. Pam will draft a Request for Quote for this work. While brush-hogging provides valuable habitat for grassland species, we discussed the need to preserve a healthy field-to-forest edge, and to be cognizant of animal nesting seasons and valuable plant species (e.g., milkweed).
6. We've received no updates on the planned Stone Bench Memorial for Phyllis Gray. The Conservation Commission will apprise the Mobbs Committee of their plans as they progress.
7. Mobbs App Update: Mike Rocheleau is researching development possibilities.
8. Other Business: A recent storm brought down some trees on the Out and Back Trail, which have been cleared.
9. Next meeting is scheduled for August 22 at 7:00 pm.