

Hogback Preservation Commission
5 p.m. Monday, July 13, 2015
Marlboro, Vermont Town Office

Minutes

Call to Order – 5pm

Attendance: Mike Purcell, Ed Metcalfe, Phil Howe, Christine Colella, Bob Anderson (HMCA)

Review of Agenda

Approval of May 11, 2015 Minutes- continuance until 9/14 meeting

Reports

Chair's Report- Mike opened the meeting, shared the agenda, and gave the floor to HMCA as they had much to report.

HMCA Report- Activities Update:

- New Director to Board: Amanda Whiting
- New email address: hogbackvt@gmail.com
- MES Hogback day was a success!
- Trail Committee designed and installed a new bridge for the stream crossing on Douglas Trail
- June 3 Prof Conference of easement stewardship mgrs was a success
- UMass bird migration study- HMCA endorsed continued work through fall
- Lyme Disease study with Connor Hunt underway
- Aug 1 wrok for clearing Early Successional Habitat project on Great White Way
- Aug 9 talk with Tom Wessels @ Memorial Hall, Wilmington and interpretive walk
- July 18 & 25 BEEC sponsored fern walk with Patti Smith
- Sept 20 BEEC sponsored mushroom walk with Justin Garner
- HMCA talks for Wildlife Festival: ESH Project with Staley McDermet, Old Ski Lift Tech with Diana Todd, Pease Farm History with Marcia Hamilton
- HMCA submitted application for non-profit status with IRS

SVNHM Report

- Michael Clough has been very busy traveling around the state with his bird/animal exhibit. Libraries, summer camp programs, and outdoor programs have him booked and busy. See: http://www.vermontmuseum.org/website_2013_005.htm
- Save the Date: Wildlife Festival: September 6th

Old Business

- Biodiversity study- continues to be a work in progress.
- Snowmobile use in HMA- Mike will invite VAST representatives to our next meeting so we can discuss and clarify where snowmobile access is on Hogback. HPC members will think of and organize ideas on how to improve VAST communications and signage to minimize snowmobile “poaching.”
- Hagenbuch donation- Recommended donation of \$100 all HPC members in favor. Mike will discuss with Hal about sending the donation.

New Business

- Bird Banding- per HMCA recommendation, HPC members voted in favor of continuing the bird banding study through the fall.

Adjournment: 6pm

Next Meeting: Monday, 9/14, 5pm Marlboro Town Offices

Respectfully submitted,
Christine R. Colella, MS

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