

Hogback Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting - Monday September 10, 2018 at 5 p.m.
Marlboro, Vermont Town Office
Minutes

Present: Mike Purcell (chair), Christine Colella, Sarah Grant, Malcolm Moore, Ed Metcalfe (after 5:15)

Absent: David Elliot

Guests: Nancy Anderson, Bob Anderson, Jack Widness (from the board of HMCA)

1. Call to Order 5:03 pm

- 2. HMCA** presented a report on the Hogback “endowment” money, and proposed to invest it more aggressively. Mike Purcell will meet with the existing HMCA committee to consider alternative investments.

- 3. Minutes** of HPC meeting on 7/9/18 were approved.

4. Reports:

- a. **Chair’s Report:** nothing new to report; reviewed the HMCA report of activities, and the agenda.
- b. **HMCA Report** was distributed to HPC members electronically. Discussion of investments. Diana and Jack have removed invasive buckthorn and knotweed.
- c. **SVNHM Report:** nothing new to report; the Insect Safari was a success.

5. Old Business

- a. **Special Use Permit form:** Need to review and revise the draft SUP form. System seemed to work okay with the recent application by the Insect Safari.
- b. **First Aid Building:** Received estimate from Don Yanke (Catamount Environmental) at \$12,000 for demolition including asbestos abatement (?). Christine will contact Trevor Mance at TAM for a quote. General feeling of HPC was that the demolition needs to be done.
- c. **National Grid License Agreement** has been signed by the Select board. Mike Purcell will coordinate a site visit with National Grid to walk along the access road.
- d. **Volunteer form:** HMCA proposed a form for volunteer workers - a “release of liability” form to be signed on each HMCA work day.
- e. **Molly Stark state park:** the state plans to replace steps on the fire tower; state requested permission to use the access road. A proposed new Hogback trail to the park is to be flagged.
- f. **Mystery Trail** reported by HMCA at north edge of Hogback property was an old trail, not a problem; HMCA may put up signs where the trail enters Hogback property.
- g. **VAST permission form:** approved for one year (not 5 years), with the same conditions as last year: maintain fencing to keep snowmobiles on the VAST trail. Forward to select board for signature.

6. **New Business**

a. Endowment strategy was discussed at the start of HPC meeting.

b. Merger of HPC and HMCA was discussed.

7. **Adjourn** at 6:04 pm

Next meeting Monday, November 12, 2018 at 5 p.m.

HPC meetings are on the second Monday of alternate months:

January 14, 2019

March 11, 2019

May 13, 2019

July 8, 2019

September 8, 2019

November 11, 2019