

Regular Meeting of the Hogback Management Plan Update Committee
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, 2024
Town Office, Marlboro, Vermont and via Zoom

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:44 pm.

Present: in person, Diana Todd; via Zoom, Mike Purcell, Eric Slayton

1. Preliminaries
 - a. choose a secretary to take minutes – Diana
 - b. choose a Zoom host – Diana
 - c. start Zoom recording
2. Minutes of the previous meeting (June 19, 2024) were approved.
3. New draft sections and revised sections were reviewed and approved. The new sections gave details on the deeded easements on the property, including book and page number of where they can be found in the Marlboro Land Records.
4. The first draft version of the PowerPoint presentation for the public input meeting was reviewed. It covered a short history of the conservation area, and highlighted six Proposed Refinements:
 - a. Greater distinction between recreation areas and wildlife priority areas
 - b. Active forest management
 - c. New prohibited uses (target shooting, drones, wildlife cameras, unauthorized cutting of wood, e-bikes)
 - d. More detail on procedure for getting a special use permit
 - e. Plans for eventual fate of buildings and ski area infrastructure
 - f. More clarity on funding
5. The PowerPoint presentation lasted 28 minutes, which was longer than the target time of 20 minutes. We agreed to reduce the amount of time spent on e-bikes, but felt the rest of the material should remain. The estimated time for the revised presentation will be about 25 minutes.
6. Plans were made for the next few meetings.
 - a. July 24 – HPC, HMCA and moderator Lucy Gratwick have been invited to attend the meeting to review the public presentation.
 - b. August meetings – If HPC and HMCA request significant changes to the draft Plan, work through those changes. If no major changes are needed before the public presentation, the committee will not meet in August. Diana will work on fine tuning the format of the draft Plan.
 - c. September – first meeting of the month: review polished draft plan and PowerPoint presentation; second meeting will be public presentation and input meeting.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.