

**Jackson Conservation Committee**  
**Minutes August 1, 2016, 5:30 PM**  
**Jackson Town Offices**  
**DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Seidel, Dave Matesky, Mark Ross-Parent, Mike Dufilho  
Hank Banesh filmed  
Susan Ross-Parent took notes  
Bill Terry attended

Review Minutes (July, May, July Falls session)

Tom opened the meeting inviting Bill to read along with extra copies of minutes

Dave mentions crowds at Diana's Baths and town liability against someone slipping and falling – warning signs?

Comments on May minutes: Tom: typo page 1 keep “on all”

Mike: was the “who owns lower falls parking” answered? Mark: used by WW, church, town – with parking on the grass creeping uphill off the gravel lot.

motion to approve May minutes: Dave

second: Mike

accepted with minor changes: by all

Comments on July minutes: none

motion to approve July minutes: Mark

second: Mike

accepted: by all

Comments on July work session at the Falls minutes: check spelling of Pat's last name,

motion to approve: Mark

seconded: Mike

accepted: by all

Public Comment:

Bill noted the amount of trash at the Falls – thought it was really clean but then found out there's a volunteer -Peter Doucette – who cleans up every morning taking out a trash bag's worth. Quite a few folks do pick up trash: Bill, Mark, Pam. Many cars in few spaces, only trash pick up by vols. We're treating it as a park but not caring for it like a park: liability questions, limited parking, no trash removal.

Mark mentions the parking issues that CC trying to deal with

Bill: no restrooms, the neighbors have a significant amount of human waste in their yard

Mark: explained that at the July selectman's meeting a business owner spoke (again) about how her business is used as the public restroom for the town and its visitors. That now toilets should be a town issue.

Mike: in the past they had discussed and decided to have no trash cans to limit the amount of trash: carry in carry out was the way many parks work.

Bill: Falls visitors are not educated to carry in carry out – trash worse with the last few weekends so hot and busy

Tom: it gets to fundamental question as to what the Falls are: park, wilderness, wild and scenic?

Tom suggest going official park route with trash cans, etc., which would be a different feel, maybe for busiest weekends.

Dave: funds available for trash cans and plans

Mike: worth reaching out to other land managers with similar situations

Mark: and signs with carry in carry out

Dave: List of people who deal with similar areas? Echo lake, Cathedral Ledge

Mike: Ossipee Lake, with residents only parking

Tom: management plan with a purpose of why we're managing – also for Gray's Inn and Prospect Farm – Resource Management vs. Recreation Management

Mark: Expedite the fencing and parking signs

Tom: Action items: measure, how much, buy, who will install, sketch to share with the Road

Agent: mowing, etc., wording for signs on Valley Cross and won't be able to do signs on Carter Notch (state issue)

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS FOR PICKING UP TRASH!!!!

Jackson Falls

plan work sessions / order fencing

MARK mentions fencing he saw in VT at Lake Willoughby that was 4x4 posts with rope instead of split rail. Tom: got quotes from two places and can re-measure and get more quotes. From our meeting with Pat at the Falls: the section on Valley Cross has to be taken down in the winter. Will pay for it from the trust funds: Wentworth and Prospect Farm.

Bill: mentioned that the color of the lattice on the bridge needs to be painted – he volunteers to do it.

Dave will contact Pam to check the liability issues.

Tom: CC received an email requesting to put a commemorative bench at the Falls.

This led to a discussion of who is responsible for maintaining the 44 memorial benches in Jackson and whether there is a process of accepting donations for memorials at the Falls. This process should be incorporated into a management plan for the Falls. Donations towards tree planting would be welcome.

Mike suggests that because CC in process of creating a management plan the donors want to work quickly, they should inquire to place the bench elsewhere in the village.

Prospect Farm

review progress on interpretive signs – Mike only member of that sub committee at this meeting, will skip for next time.

Tom: we need to get work done in between meetings so that decisions can be made.

Mike – break into work groups?

Conservation Easements – State will be here later in the season to inspect conservation easements. Need to inspect easements: CC members check for compliance. Letters needed for

land owners to alert them that we'll be coming. We have records (that we can update) of owners' names, map, and list of things to check.

SPNHF needs reports for these

Tilney – Dave and Pam will inspect

Rockwell - Mike

Burgess Highland - Brian

Peppers – Tom

Town only easements

Gabriel - Tom

Wild Cat River Trust: east side of Wildcat River - Mark

Milliken/Holcomb - Margaret

Gray's Inn – Mike: need to mow the section at the end of Gray's Inn so that there is access to the trails. Tom: plan with Road Agent

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mark volunteered for Wetlands Permit committee. Discussion of responsibilities.

Tom moved to adjourn

Seconded

Adjourned 6:30