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Darrow Pond Master Plan

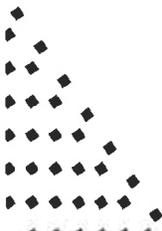
Meeting Number: 02
 Meeting Date: 1.18.23
 Meeting Location: East Lyme Community Center

Notes by Phil Barlow

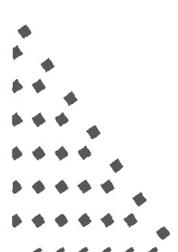
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1. Phil Barlow reviewed the preliminary schematic plan which included:

- Mt. Bike trails
- Hiking Trails
- Disc Golf
- Play area
- Expanded parking
- Accessible path
- Waterside trail
- Education dock
- Conservation areas
- Wildlife areas



2. The plan was generally received with positive comments and it was felt that a balance of conservation and passive recreation was achieved.
3. It was pointed out that the easement does not allow water access.
4. It was suggested that the study area be expanded to the full 300 acres
5. Multi-use vs single use trails were discussed.
6. It was pointed out that off leash dogs are a hindrance to wildlife habitats and viewing. Use of a leash rule is hard to enforce. State statutes only call for dogs to be "under the owners control"
7. Loop trails for Mt. bikers are needed. 8-10 miles loop would be desirable
8. The disc golf course should be 18 holes and expanded to be closer to the parking lot
9. Plan should include lots of educational messages some of which could focus on the problems with off lease dogs
10. The plan should include a dog park.
11. The parking area should be a permeable surface.
12. Rest rooms were discussed. The consensus was that port-a-pottys would be acceptable
13. It was suggested that security cameras be installed to discourage nefarious behavior.
14. Power lines should be removed.
15. A lockable vehicular gate should be considered.
16. At the present time there is no money for implementation, just for the study
17. The final plan should prioritize recommendations.
18. Phil to revise plans based on feedback received.
19. Next meeting to be February 15, 2023
20. Parking lot should allow for buses
21. Mostowy Road to be studied





22. Enhancements should be passive in nature

The next meeting is set for February 15, 2023, 6:00 pm

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