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Darrow Pond Subcommittee EAST LYME, CT
MINUTES
Special Meeting 2023 NOV -9 A 8:36
November 8, 2023
11:00 AM

TOWN CLERK

Meeting location: **Community Center- Teen Center**

1. Call to order
 - a. Todd Donovan called the meeting to order at 11:04 am and the Pledge was recited.
2. Attendance
 - a. Todd Donovan, Bruce Dassinger, Rich Williams, Chuck Mebus, Jerry Lokken, Phil Barlow (by phone)
3. Approval of minutes of July 3, 2023
 - a. Bruce Dassinger moved to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2023 meeting. Second by Rich Williams. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Prioritization of projects and budget request for FY2025
 - a. Phase I items – development of new trails, construction of new accessible trail, construction of disc golf course, placement of educational placards and signs, a platform extending over the water and an aquatic education center.
 - b. Phase II Items – parking lot renovation, construction of natural play garden, jump line/tech course for bicycles, additional trails, boardwalk over wetlands, elevated boardwalk over edge of pond
 - c. Jerry Lokken to consult with Phil Barlow to get estimates for budget figured to do each of the items.
5. Designation of lead committee members for key components
 - a. The following items were assigned by consensus
 - i. Bruce Dassinger – New England Cottontail, Pitch Pine, Meadow, and Pollinator Garden conservation areas
 - ii. Rich Williams – Boardwalk through wetlands, elevated boardwalk, aquatic education center, platform over water, pond viewing area, legacy trees
 - iii. Todd Donovan and Nyla Kaczor - accessible path, nature based play garden, disc golf, jump line, existing trails/new trail loop
 - iv. Jerry Lokken – parking lot
 - v. Chuck Mebus – assist others
6. Adjournment
 - a. Motion to adjourn was made by Chuck Mebus and seconded by Bruce Dassinger. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.