

Darrow Pond Subcommittee
MINUTES
Special Meeting
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Meeting location: **Community Center- Parks and Recreation**

1. Call to order
 - a. Chairman Todd Donovan called the meeting to order at 12:13 pm.
2. Attendance
 - a. Todd Donovan, Bruce Dassinger, Richard Williams, Jerry Lokken
 - b. Denise Dinsmore from Pollinator Pathways
3. Approval of minutes of November 8, 2023
 - a. Bruce Dassinger made motion to approve minutes of the November 8, 2023 meeting, seconded by Rich Williams. No discussion, motion passed unanimously.
4. Town CIP funding for signs
 - a. Todd Donovan reported that \$15,000 was approved in CIP funding for signage at the property. The funds will be available after July 1, 2024. Bruce Dassinger to prepare suggested sign text for conservation areas.
5. Rec Trails Grant funding for planning
 - a. The town was awarded about \$36,000 in a Recreation Trails Grant from the state to complete planning. The Town had requested funding for design, construction and maintenance, but received only funding for the design/planning. It is anticipated that we would be in a good position for future grant funding for construction and maintenance. Jerry Lokken will reach out to FHI Studios, the firm that did the Master Plan, to see if they may be interested in working on trail design since members of the committee were happy with the prior work they did. Jerry Lokken will also seek additional details from Planning on how to implement the grant.
6. Vandalism, inappropriate use
 - a. There have been several recent reports about vandalism at the property, particularly from motorized vehicles. Bruce Dassinger suggested larger boulders placed closer together may help secure the park from them. Members also discussed researching existing laws to find out what penalties there are for people who use unauthorized vehicles.

7. Trail cams

- a. Planning informed Parks and Recreation that they had three trail cams that were able to record video, but they required the videos to be uploaded since they don't have the means to transmit the video real-time. Parks and Recreation will get additional details from Planning to find out how they might be implemented.

8. Adjournment

- a. Bruce Dassinger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rish Williams. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:53pm.