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more information.

Conservation Easement Workshop

All agreed that this August event was a success, with about 20 landowners attending. Personal invitations, and especially follow-up phone calls, were an important part of the success.

Nan will talk to Andy Deegan regarding the follow-up discussions with landowners who indicated they wanted to go to the next step of learning more. Nan will give the list of e-mail sign-ups to Larry.

Location of meeting was adequate, and room set-up made for good conversation. We will continue with refreshments before the workshop.

Fall Event: Workshop by Cathy Corkery on climate change and how alternative energy can help. Group voted to schedule workshop. Derek will talk to Proctor re: getting students involved as well.

Warrant Article

In the 2008 legislative session, a bill was passed to clarify that towns who wish to use Conservation Commission funds to help with easements (usually this is a payment to the land trust to help with surveying or ongoing monitoring) do not have to take a financial interest in the property. This financial interest usually means that the town becomes the back-up easement holder. If the Land Trust should dissolve, the town would become responsible for on-going monitoring and enforcing the terms of the easement forever.

In order to allow a town to not have a financial interest, the town must vote on a warrant article declaring this intention. The wording of the warrant article is specified in the law and is quite confusing. Mary Anne will gather background information for this warrant article for discussion at the next meeting, where we will vote on whether to proceed.

Fenvale and Newman Easements

Nan and Sandra will monitor the Fenvale easement by the end of October. Jerry will set up the monitoring of the Newman easement after discussing best dates with the current landowner, Jim McKenna.

Chart of Conserved Lands

Derek has made great progress on setting up this chart, which gives basic information on all Andover easements, including map and lot numbers. Derek will work with Ed Spencer to monitor the Gold Leaf "set aside" and learn more about baseline/current condition documentation.

Many comments were made to improve information on the chart, and Mary Anne will compile these and send to Derek. Tina shared GRANIT information, and Derek will pursue and write up instructions on how to find information on GRANIT.

Conservation Commission Budget

Mary Anne will talk to Marj about the need for more detailed reporting of the Conservation Commission's budget.

Recreation Committee

September 9

Condensed from approved minutes

Members present: Tom Frantz, Ellie George, Howard George, Alan Hanscom, Brian Reynolds, and Heidi Murphy.

Also attending: John Hanscom, Sue Norris, and Jen Hauser.

Programs

Soccer: Heidi Murphy discussed the soccer program, which had 61 children sign up for the three teams: a fifth- and sixth-grade boys team, a fifth- and sixth-grade girls team, and a co-ed third- and fourth-grade team. Each team has played two games thus far.

Heidi also mentioned that she had been contacted about whether the field could be used when it is not being used by the Recreation Committee program, and the Committee agreed that if the field is open, then it would be fine for non-Recreation Committee use.

Basketball: Emily Furtkamp said she would be director of the basketball program again this year and would attend October's meeting.

Skiing: Sue Norris and Jen Hauser, who have taken over the ski program from Ellie George, discussed this winter's upcoming program, including the chaperone policy; background checks; and plans to meet with Principal Slayton and the staff at Ragged Mountain to discuss changes to this year's program. Sign-ups for skiing are scheduled for October 23 at Math Night at AE/MS.

Other Business

Recreation Building: Howard George said that he and Lloyd Perreault put up the box on the pole, and electricity has been hooked up. Water is the next step, and then inside wiring. No additional updates were available, but the Recreation Committee wants to discuss these next steps in more detail at the next meeting.

Fields and Maintenance: Mowing has been done by George Sports Irrigation, which submitted the low bid for the maintenance contract.

New Members: Tom Frantz asked Sue Norris and Jen Hauser if they would be willing to become new members of the Recreation Committee. They agreed, and after a short discussion, the Recreation Committee members voted unanimously to approve them as new Recreation Committee members.

October 14

Condensed from approved minutes

Members present: Ellie George, Howard George, Alan Hanscom, Brian Reynolds, Heidi Murphy, Tim Norris, Sue Norris and Jen Hauser

Treasurer's Report: There is $6,801.17 left in the budget.

Programs

Soccer: Heidi Murphy reports that Andover fifth- and sixth-grade soccer played in the Merrimack Soccer League, which is composed of 19 central New Hampshire towns. There are over a hundred teams divided into various age groups and levels.

Andover boys fifth/sixth tournament opponents were Webster-Salisbury #1, Webster-Salisbury #2, Boscawen, Penacook #1, Shaker Road School, and Hopkinton #2. The Andover boys had to play their tournament in Warner, while Andover hosted the "C" division boys tournament. The Andover boys team was coached by Robert Koziol and the Andover girls were coached by Claudio Marcus. Andover girls fifth/sixth tournament opponents were Warner, Webster-Salisbury, Weare #2, Grantham, and Hillsboro #3.

The third and fourth grades played in the Bob Andrews Jamboree held at the New London Outing Club. One team was coached by Heidi Murphy, while the other team was coached by Morgan Salathe and Anne Swayze.

First- and second-grade soccer does not play an outside schedule. Coaches were Michelle Dudek, Harvey Pine, and Chris Bentzler.

Basketball: Andover will play in the Quad Valley League with Grantham, Kearsarge, and Sunapee. Director of Basketball Emily Furtkamp came to the meeting with a detailed audit of equipment that will require little augmentation. The program will consist of the fifth- and sixth-grade boys coached by Sam Poulin, fifth- and sixth-grade girls coached by Darryl Furtkamp, third- and fourth-grade boys coached by Karri Heller, and the third- and fourth-grade girls coached by Heather Wood.

It was voted to buy t-shirts for all basketball players.

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