

Prospect Hill Pasture Trustee Meeting Aug. 12 ,2020

Call to Order 5:15

The minutes of PHP meeting Oct. 9, 2019 were unanimously approved. Elizabeth Catlin's resignation as a trustee was accepted. Appreciation for her 10 years of service to the town as a PHP trustee was expressed.

Rich Mills who is a candidate for the vacant trustee position was introduced. A Dummerston resident for 25 years, Rick is a current member of the Dummerston Conservation Commission and the Missing Links Trail Crew. He is also active in many town activities. His two daughters attended the Dummerston schools and are now students BUHS.

PHP Mowing

There was an extended discussion about the proposal to purchase a brush hog for annual mowing of PHP by the town road crew. Annual access through the Brookes property would be needed to get the equipment to PHP for mowing. Debbie Brookes said she would need some time to consider it. "Annual access" wasn't something she would agree to at this time. Several members suggested we meet again at a later time after she has time to think it over. Given that access is needed to PHP for the mowing equipment, the decision regarding purchase was deferred. Should the Brookes allow access for the town to mow this summer, Lee said he would use the town's flail mower.

Points made:

- Town mowed the field August 2019 with a flail mower
- Flail mower was damaged in the process.
- Lee said the brush hog was the proper equipment for the job and recommended purchase. He proposes that a medium duty brush hog be purchased from the Prospect Hill Fund for \$3200.
- The brush hog would be effective mowing the PHP if used every year or every other year.
- Brush hog would be used by the town for light work like cutting grassy areas and around the rain garden.
- Forest Savers were contracted to clear the field a few years ago for \$1700
- Debbie Brookes needs to be on site when the mowing is done. She requests that the town crew contact her prior to any work.

Debbie Brookes was thanked for allowing access through her property for the mowing. It was noted that she takes great care of the land.

The discussion went on longer than anticipated. As the selectboard meeting was scheduled at 6pm it was suggested that the meeting be continued in 2 weeks immediately before the selectboard meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Attendees

Betsy Whittaker, Ed Anthes, Maria Glabach, Terry Carter, Jerelyn Wilson, David Baxendale, Carolyn Mayo-Brown, Lee Chamberlin, Debbie Brookes, Rick Mills

Meeting 5:15 Wed August 26, 2020 Agenda on Zoom

Approval of the Minutes of Aug. 12, 2020 meeting

Acceptance of Betsy Whittaker's resignation

Introduction of candidates to fill vacant PHP positions

Vote to fill vacancies on the PHP trustees

Continuation of the discussion of plans to mow Prospect Hill

Debbie Brookes has agreed to allow town access to PHP for mowing this summer on the condition that she be notified in advance of the schedule and that she be present when the crew is accessing her property. It is agreed that the stone wall be put back in place and the land left minimally disturbed.

Update on Missing Links Project

Future Meeting Date

Zoom meeting link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86316111646>

or by phone

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 863 1611 1646