

TOWN OF GANANOQUE
Trails and Urban Forest Committee
MINUTES OF JUNE 12, 2013
HELD AT TOWN OF GANANOQUE PUBLIC WORKS BOARD ROOM AT 09:00 AM.

PRESENT: John Cornish, Joe Watkins, Jim Garrah, Bill Sheppard, Peter Murray, John MacLeod. Regrets: Rick Dunn, Doug Bickerton

Chairman Peter welcomed new committee member Joe Watkins. An agenda of topics was presented. With Rick and Doug away, some aspects of the agenda may require postponement.

Minutes of the May 1, 2013 meeting approved.

TRAILS

1. Review the Discover Your Trails. Brochures not too successful in getting to locals. Suggest make greater use of the press in the future. Generally considered well worth the effort.

2. Summer work. Jim G. is supervisor . To do a walkabout with Mark of the Parks summer staff. Parks staff will do the trimming and light maintenance. Heavy work or safety issues require town staff along with volunteers. Grasshopper Park trail is indistinct. Needs chips. John MacL. reported the job creation project is still alive and is now under the Province. Chip work could be done by them .

3. GISS shop program. Grand opening June 5th, with Lowes, Skills Canada, GISS staff and students and Town and Trails representatives. The boardwalks for the WW Trail are ready to install. John MacL to contact us when students are available. Suggested that a second viewing ramp be installed on the old RR bridge. Perhaps one with a ramp and of greater length. To be discussed. Peter to write thank you letters on receipt of addresses from John MacL.

4. New brochure draft. Much discussion on content. Less specific directions and more interpretative info desired. Sub-committee of Joe W, John C, and Peter M. to review and come back with a new draft. John C. To scan and circulate.

The new Trail head map for the umbrella draft was reviewed with a minor change to the wording. and some map corrections. Peter to do so and take to Pam.

5. A direction sign for the canoe launching ramp at SWP/River St is going to be left to Doug B. to suggest wording and location. .

Considerable discussion on how to "deal" with the tick problem. A Health Unit link on the brochure is the best option we have.

TREES

A 4th application for a memorial tree is in the process. We lost 2 trees to natural mortality. The tentative date for the dedication of the 4 memorial trees is Thanksgiving weekend this year.

The Arboretum sign has been graphitized and needs repair. Peter to check this out. Members asked to note potential planting sites for this fall. 15 trees budgeted by Public Works.

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 24th, 09:00 at the PW Board room.
Minutes by PM, June 13, 2013.