

Monadnock Advisory Commission

Additional Topic Meeting Minutes

Date: April 1, 2019

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Jaffrey Civic Center

ATTENDEES	AGENDA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Royce (Town of Jaffrey)	1. Welcome & Introductions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Will Kirkpatrick (Monadnock State Park)	2. Power lines to new MTB
<input type="checkbox"/> Carrie Deegan (SPNHF)	3. Open Floor/ questions & concerns
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Adams (Town of Troy)	4. Adjourn
<input type="checkbox"/> Don Upton (Town of Troy)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ed Germain (Town of Dublin)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiel Lundquist (Town of Fitzwilliam)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Jane Difley (SPNHF)	
<input type="checkbox"/> John Smith (Town of Jaffrey)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Peter Palmiotto (Antioch, MERE)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Phil Bryce (Parks & Recreation)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Polly Pattison (Town of Marlborough)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Robin Blais (Chair, Town of Fitzwilliam)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sterling Abram (Town of Dublin)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tara Blaney (Parks & Recreation)	Guests:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Rogalski (Town of Marlborough)	Tom Mansfield – DCNR
<input type="checkbox"/> Wendy Weisiger (SPNHF)	Logan Thorner – Assistant Manager, MSP

1. Welcome & Introductions

Logan Thorner, new Assistant Manager, started March 15th. Just transferred from Kingston SP, she has jumped in to the planning process for the Main Toilet Building, and has busy getting up to speed and helping prepare the park for the coming season.

2. Power to MTB - Additional topic missed from the February meeting.

- Unexpected upgrade needed to electric coming into the park for the new MTB. We hadn't realized the transformer was so far away – 1400', down near the residence (opposite side of Poole Rd). We've been able to operate on it up to now, but with the new well pump w/more sophisticated electronics, it won't be adequate.
- Eversource is willing to provide a solution – overhead on poles from Residence to a new transformer up near the Tollbooth. They will pay for the poles and power upgrade – the State will have to pay for the underground work on site (est around \$17K)
- They will need to cut trees on the North side of Poole Rd (right side as you're coming into the park) to install and maintain the line.

- DOT requires no closer than 8' to the road
- Eversource requires 10' clearance on either side, so minimum of 18' from the road will need to be cut.
- This will not be a clear-cut swath – they identified 20-30 trees that will need to be cut, and can use some discretion if a tree is leaning the right way, etc. The trees range in size, include one large pine and a large maple, and a mix of smaller trees. Brush and small trees may remain.
- Lines run to the current transformer through the woods from Monadnock Bible, but Eversource would not agree to continuing further in the woods on that side of the road – they'll want vehicular access for maintenance and repairs.
- The South side of the road also has a stone wall, so Historic Resources would have to be involved if that were to be moved.
- Eversource also did not want to go underground.
- 6 poles will be needed from the residence to the MTB. The new Transformer would likely be placed on the 2nd pole from the top, near the Tollbooth to allow better access to the Tollbooth and Store as well.

3. Open Floor/ questions:

- What do the Park Staff think, what are our concerns?
 - We expect there may be some concern from regulars, but most others won't notice unless they happen to be there while the cutting is happening.
 - There will certainly be some explaining/placating to do, but that would be the case for any other solution as well, and this solution seems to be the most expedient.
- What will be the impact to the campground?
 - Not much – the lines will run near it, and it is a pretty thin bit of woods there, but there is some buffer and it won't be a clear-cut swath. Eversource is on board with leaving any trees they can.
- We need to be aware of the location of any possible future Tollbooth upgrade, so underground lines from the transformer won't hinder that construction.
 - The future Tollbooth plans will involve widening the road, which will have to be on the South side, and thus will also involve moving the stone wall – which may put that project off for a while.
 - There's a hand-hole by the woodshed near the tollbooth, which Eversource will use to tie into existing lines – which will be another fixed point in the design we'll need to work around.
- Will the new power be adequate in case of future expansion?
 - Yes, we're building it with the intent to be ready for a possible "lodge" expansion to the MTB, and this transformer will be sized to allow for that.
- Still planning on a June opening, but at the very least we should be able to open the old section to the public on time.
- On a different topic: Heil mentioned that he brought up the Rhododendron timber sale at the Fitzwilliam Conservation Commission meeting, and everyone expressed some concern. When we have the public info session, we should make sure to reach out to them.

Sense of the meeting at this point was that nobody had any strong objections, and it's needed for the new MTB to be operational, so we should go ahead. Will reach out to members not present to make sure there are no strong objections there.

4. Meeting adjourned.