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Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2019

In attendance: Parker Lord, Paul Armond, Ross Byrne, Bob Cope, Anthony Irving, George Lombardino and Lucius Stark

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm. Business items included:

1. Johnston Preserve (previously North Woods): Parker and Anthony have blazed trails, posted boundaries and flagged the driveway. State highway standards mandate sightlines at the entrance extending 500 feet in either direction along Route 82. Meanwhile, an agreement between Ralph Eno and the prior landowners necessitated changing the property's name.
2. Selden Landing: Susan Jacobson of DEEP provided documentation on various types of walkways for crossing marshland; unfortunately none matched our requirements for Selden Creek. Anthony suggested inviting Ms. Jacobson for an on-site inspection. A discussion of regulations governing docks - including limits on size (80 sq. ft.) and slope (for ADA compliance) - underscored the advantages of a fiberglass grate system anchored in the mud. Parker, who recently spoke with the grating manufacturer, will await their opinion on its suitability.
3. Elys Ferry Beach: At the ferry terminus sightseers and fishermen often use a sandy, river-front right-of-way. Adjacent curbside property owned by the Town could accommodate vehicles; however a neighbor's lawn has encroached on this area. Ross emphasized the need to reestablish a border. Paul proposed adding discreet signage. Tony brought forth a motion, seconded by Ross and approved, to send the Town a letter requesting two parking spaces on the road's north side.
4. Cove Road Landing: OSC members, after inspecting erosion near the yacht club, concluded that kayakers' access to Hamburg Cove here is treacherous. Ross offered a motion, seconded by Paul and approved, recommending the installation of granite steps to the water. The Town, according to Paul, must next submit an application to both CC/IWWA and DEEP.
5. Parker made a motion, seconded by Anthony and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of the November meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.