



NALMC Steering Committee Meeting
October 27, 2015
Northwood Community Hall

Following a Pot Luck Dinner, the meeting is called to order by Vice-Chair Bryan Comeau, who is presiding. He asks everyone present to provide a brief introduction before starting the meeting.

Present: Chairman Carl Wallman, Vice-Chairman Bryan Comeau, Secretary Steve Roy, Steering Committee members: Jeff Lalish, Steve Bailey, Linda Smith, and Jim Oehler-NH Fish & Game; Sam Taylor- Dred Forester for NMSP, Rick Van de Poll-Ecosystem Management Consultants, LLC; Rob Riley-Northern Forest Center, Nikolas and Taryn Bassett, Carol Bailey.

MAIN BUSINESS:

1. Steering Committee Membership Nominations. It is noted that the steering committee membership rules call for one voting member per household. It is suggested that Nik Bassett will represent their homestead and Taryn Bassett will represent the Town of Northwood Recreation through her position as director.
A motion is made by Brian Comeau, second by Steve Roy to nominate four members to the steering committee: Nikolas Bassett, Taryn Bassett-representing Town of Northwood Recreation, Greg Bane-representing Northwood Crankpullers snowmobile club, and Rob Riley.
Vote: Unanimous in favor.
2. Election of Officers. **Motion is made by Bryan Comeau, second by Jeff Lalish to nominate the current slate of officers to continue to serve in 2016.** Steve Roy notes that he does not want to continue as an officer. **Motion is made by Bryan Comeau, second by Linda Smith to nominate Taryn Bassett for the position of secretary. Vote on officers for 2016 to be Chairman Carl Wallman, Vice-Chairman Bryan Comeau, and Secretary Taryn Bassett is unanimous in favor.**
3. Slide Show-What is NALMC? Chairman Carl Wallman presents a slide show titled *What is NALMC* which provides a history of the organization and a summary of its many accomplishments to date.
4. Collaboration with Town of Northwood. Discussion is held among members on the potential benefits of working with the Town of Northwood Recreation Department on various projects and events, including the summer racing program. **Motion is made by Steve Bailey, second by Carl Wallman to recommend that the steering committee work in a collaborative manner with the recreation department, when possible, consistent with the purpose and goals of NALMC. Vote is unanimous in favor.**
5. Rick Van de Poll, CPN Report. Rick provides an overview of the work he has been involved with over many years and states he feels it is a pleasure to work in this environment which includes public/private landowners working together. He states that he has seen NALMC transform from its early stages to grow to be a well-recognized and active organization. He adds that he feels this model can work in different areas with its emphasis on sharing resources through community. Rick states that he is a naturalist and even as a child liked looking at nature-whether it was bugs, plants, etc. He feels it is important to engage people in the natural environment, particularly children in order to encourage interest.

NALMC Steering Committee Meeting October 27, 2015 - Northwood Community Hall

Rick provides a complete overview of the work he has completed on the CPN Report through discussion and a PowerPoint presentation. He states that he started with the maps and literature; the report is approximately 400 pages. There is a subchapter on each parcel that is assessed which is a total of 28 of the 37 parcels. A hard copy will be placed at a public location. Electronic version will be distributed. He states that thought went into what would be considered public vs. private information and which domain some of the material should be placed, particularly regarding sensitive habitat or information. Rick states the report includes a summary of data for the 2662 acres. He notes there is 8.68 miles of trails.

Rick continues with a series of slides noting specific areas that are covered including:

- Breakdown of acres-fields, woods, developed land.
- Forest resources-types, limitations, etc.
- Non-forest resources including data on habitat, species, and invasives.
- 480 different plant species identified
- Wildlife species identified: list of mammal data by site and date, both common and unusual
- Water resources-a lot of time was spent mapping and re-mapping wetlands; data on surface and groundwater; re-aligned streams and updated info; 54 vernal pools; bedrock and sand & gravel aquifers.
- Soils-50 different soil types, updated soils map, slope mapping; prime agricultural soils. It is noted that the best ag soils are currently being farmed.
- Natural communities-plants and animals that occur naturally together
- Rare or Exemplary communities
- Wildlife-species diversity; predator v. prey; habitat diversity. It is noted that there are bobcat dens in the area.
- Species diversity-total of 1100 species including rare and endangered species.
- Significant ecological areas are hatched to help guide future management-44 significant ecological areas on 299 acres are identified
- Historical features
- 5 maps go with the 3 page summary and contain various data

After the conclusion of Rick's presentation, Vice-Chair Bryan Comeau turns the meeting over to Rob Riley to speak on Social Resources. Rob is President of Northern Forest Center. Rob states that it is difficult to measure how people value land, and how economic development affects management. He states that he looks at the outcome of changes such as wood v. oil heat and how it affects forests. His work centers on finding a balance for the future; average land holding today is 30 acres, down from much larger acreage. Rob states his interest in determining success by increasing land ethics and the importance of building community relationships. He adds that people need to care and be vested in the process and the program.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jim Oehler asks what is the status of the report being done by Robin Picard? Carl responds that those who reviewed the draft are not satisfied with it. Rob adds that he feels there is too much

NALMC Steering Committee Meeting
October 27, 2015 - Northwood Community Hall

interpretation of the NALMC story. Carl and Rob are working on reviewing and re-writing portions of the report.

2. Bryan Comeau asks for input from members on the unveiling of the plan and what ideas there are for the 10 year anniversary of NALMC. Discussion is held on the CPN parcel data being placed on-line. Rick states that most of parcels will be going on the website. Discussion is held on landowners using the data for future decision making. Rick notes that Steve Eisenhower has been given the data sheets for UNH lots; there are no plans for a cut in the immediate future. Steve Roy recommends a sit down meeting with the landowners to discuss the information face to face. Bryan adds that the new barn at Harmony Hill Farm is the first project to use the plan. Steve suggests laminated maps be put up on race day to educate and inform the runners about NALMC. Rob notes that bike tours held in the Adirondacks were an effective way to slow people down to know the area they are traveling through. He gives an overview of the concept of organizing out to different groups to create a ripple effect. A one page document could be used as a handout.
3. Outreach Coordinator. Discussion is held on whether to hire an outreach coordinator to organize the upcoming anniversary event(s). Funds would need to be secured by a grant. Lengthy discussion is held on the value of having one person who can focus on the many aspects of putting a major event together, and it is noted the success of Discovery Day was largely based on the efforts of Maryalice as project coordinator. Another option would be to have a series of smaller events or special days conducted by volunteers on the steering committee or other interested volunteers. Rick offers to do a walk. Jim states he will do a bird walk. Steve Roy suggests a scavenger hunt; and notes it may be possible to get assistance from students for their senior project hours. Further discussion is held on the need for a job description before considering hiring an outreach coordinator. Jim states he will locate the old RFP for Discovery Day to see what was included previously for the position and the grant request. Motion is made by Steve Bailey, second by Steve Roy to circulate the information via e-mail to SC members prior to a final vote on moving forward with funding/hiring process. Vote is unanimous in favor.

Meeting is adjourned at 9:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Smith