

**Bear Brook State Park Management Plan
Steering Committee Meeting – 6/24/2021**

Meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Chair Tom DiMaggio

Steering Committee Members Present

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Avis Rosenfield	Non-Motorized Recreation
Armand Verville	Cultural and Historic Resources
Tom St. Martin	Town of Candia
Eric Orff	Game and Sportsmen
Dan Dwyer	Non-Motorized Recreation
Wendy Weisiger	Forest Management
Tom DiMaggio	Recreation at Large

Steering Committee Members Absent

Jeff Lougee	Forest Ecology
Brian Adams	Conservation Commission
Jeff Eames	Forest Products industry
Sandra McKenney	Town of Allenstown
Suzanne Smith	State Park System Advisory Council
Carol Foss	Non Game Wildlife
Steve Hampl	Motorized Recreation
Vacant	Town of Hooksett

Division Staff

Johanna Lyons	Billy Kunitus	Christina Pacuk	
Will Guinn	Tara Blaney	Mark Doperalski	Jim Oehler

Johanna Lyons New Hampshire State Park’s Planner began meeting by welcoming all to the final Bear Brook State Park Management Plan Steering Committee Meeting. Tom DiMaggio, Steering Committee Chair thanked everyone for coming and called the roll call of all steering committee members and division staff.

Tom asked if anyone had any changes to last meeting’s minutes that they would like to change. Tom St. Martin was incorrectly quoted in last meeting’s minutes and asked if the correction could be made. The minutes from April should be corrected there “is not a clear awareness of the revenue flow”.”

Armand Verville motioned to accept the minutes as corrected, all in favor to accept the minutes as corrected.

Plan Comments/Edits

Tom DiMaggio: The one thing that I do have going through the trails. Is that the trails that list the snowmobile trails, do not also include mushing. And Mushing is included in the overall scheme. So if that could be put in on those snowmobile trails to make the people on those trails aware.

Tom St. Martin provided edit notes to the planning team.

Armand Verville: Will there be any copies of the Management plans at any state or town libraries?

- Johanna: We are making a list of places that will get them either a digital or hard copy, planning on sending a copy to the park host communities. The state libraries will all get one and we can definitely add the towns that we are combined with. It will be living online at the Park and Forest State Sites.
- Armand: The historical society should have a hard copy if possible for their archives.

Tom St. Martin: It never occurred to me to ask this question earlier but the plan talks about the two parking areas, one off currier road and one off of Podunk road, I know with some of the stuff you have been doing and the park has been developing stuff such as iron rangers and the new cabin location. If anything happens to increase the traffic in these areas is there anything in place or a process working with the towns.

- Johanna: We work with other organizations and communities all the time, so there is nothing blocking us from working with them. If a problem like this eventually arises then we can work with the town to either shut down the parking, close a section of the road to parking, or whatever the options are. It could even be upgrading the road but we are trying to use soft language in the plan so when it comes time to fix issues like so we are not held down to a specific way.

Tom DiMaggio opened the meeting to public comment

- Debbie Brisco: I am still pushing for these plans to include something that can help out with the yearly project that goes into the parks and not having just totally up to organizations doing the volunteer work. If organizations have the ability to donate they would like to know about projects, and the projects the park is planning on doing so we can be like, "I want to donate to that." If they had this opportunity they knew how to help or could donate money, we want to see progression in our trails through collaboration.

Tom DiMaggio asked for a motion on a recommendation for the plan... Dan Dwyer motioned for the committee to recommend the version June 2, 2021 with the appropriate corrections as already discussed, and to be advanced to the commissioner. All were in favor

Meeting Ends: 6:18 pm June 24th 2021