

**Town of Mansfield  
Parks Advisory Committee  
Minutes  
September 7, 2011  
Secretary – Al Montoya**

Present: Sue Harrington, Tom Harrington, Ethan Avery, Al Montoya, and Jennifer Kaufman

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 P.M.
- II. The minutes for the June meeting were approved.
- III. Old Business
  - a. Updates on Eagle Scout projects were discussed.
    - i. The Bridge in Eagleville was completed and looks great. All of the trails were completed and two bridges were widened.
    - ii. Keith Chayson completed the Dorwart Bridge.
    - iii. Eric Wilson completed the viewing platform on Sawbrook.
    - iv. There is a need for a small bridge in Dorwart over a little brook.
  - b. Recreational trails program grant
    - i. The scope of work was completed and submitted in the previous week. The purpose is to unify natural space within the Storrs downtown project. The grant proposal included trails and medallions annotating natural trails.
  - c. Dorwart trail update
    - i. The Dorwart trail was completed. The trail has been developed from the turnaround and creates a loop.
  - d. PAC charge
    - i. The PAC charge was adopted by the town council.
  - e. Review of Fall programming
    - i. Letterboxing was completed during the summer. Six residents completed all. Next year we will develop more and advertise better.
    - ii. There will be a planetarium event on September 16 from 6:30-9:30.
    - iii. Mansfield Day is scheduled for September 24. We will start at the MCC and go to Moss Sanctuary.
    - iv. There is a cosponsored event with the Willimantic River Alliance on October 1.
    - v. The Dorwart dedication walk is scheduled for October 2 from 2:00-4:00.
    - vi. Sue and Ethan will lead a walk in Merrow Meadow on October 8 at 10:00am.
- IV. New Business

- a. Winter Programming
  - i. There is a winter “tracking” event scheduled for Moss walk that will be in conjunction with the Storrs Winter Carnival.
- b. Upcoming Initiatives
  - i. PAC will be reviewing management plans on Dorwart, Moss and River Park.
  - ii. WHIP work is continuing.
  - iii. Membership letters will be sent out to those who are not attending PAC meetings. There is a need for an E.O. Smith Representative.

V. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Al Montoya, Secretary

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