

**Parks Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Mansfield Town Hall**  
**Conference Room B**  
**Wednesday, March 2, 2016**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Chair: Sue Harrington**

- I. Welcome
- II. Attendance: Sue Harrington, Bill Thorne, Tom Harrington, Juliana Barrett
- III. Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved with one edit: IV.A. “due to...”
- IV. Old Business
  - A. Sam Dodd Award – April 6, to be awarded to Griffen
  - B. Bicycling in Town Parks – Sue attended town meeting. Most of the attendees were bicyclists. Desire to increase bike commuters and bike parking at Storrs. Biking on town trails is in motion but other groups need to provide approval. Joshua’s Trust and CFPA need to buy in.
  - C. Storrs Center Open Space – Nothing new; trail in place just need to connect to ramp
  - D. Management Plan Review
    - Fifty Foot – Plan and recommendations were reviewed
      1. Forest management plan (from UConn), Jennifer to contact Algonquin
      2. Plant Survey in file
        - Control erosion: erosion is an issue but would require a great deal of work and money; Call CFPA for input
      3. Define Boundaries – boundary along East Rd may need to be posted
      4. Not town property
      5. Maintain recreational access from East Rd – need access for fire and disabled
      6. Protect rare species – not sure what species this is referring to
      7. Maintain legal access – not a problem
  - E. Events
    - Spring Events
      - Star Party – April 29<sup>th</sup>, Bill to do
      - Birding with Mom – Mt. Hope Park – Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> – ready to go
      - Wildflowers at Fifty foot May 14 – ready to go
      - CT Trails Day – Dunhamtown Forest, June 5<sup>th</sup>
      - NAV Workdays: April 9 and 16; possible projects – Merrow Meadow invasive plant work; Schoolhouse Brook Trail – rake little rocks off the trail  
Just FYI, BioBlitz (June 3 at Two Rivers in East Hartford)
- V. New Business
  - A. All Habitat Inc – working at Bicentennial Pond to include Hydrodredge for organic matter and water chestnut
  - B. Mansfield short-listed for universal access trail around Bicentennial Pond (Federal Highway grant money)
- VI. Announcements/Communications - none
- VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm