



- This Thursday (2/20/14) there is a meeting between Girl Scouts and Friends of Gillette Pond.
- FoGP should have preliminary discussion with Selectboard if they are considering moving ahead with HCC Fund application, based on the fact that the dam is not located in Huntington, it seems unlikely the project would meet fund's criteria

#### *Sugarmakers Open House*

- Aaron is working on the brochure, Margaret has confirmed with all sugarmakers who are participating and brochures should be ready for Town Meeting
- Margaret Taft is handling outreach

#### *Potential Land Purchase for Town*

- Waiting on clarity from Lynda Swannie if she is interested in selling that parcel to the town.
- Townspeople interested in this project, could probably get task force to work on this, so onus of applying would not be on HCC
- Is there the potential to purchase sledding hill next to the school from Melissa Hoffman?

#### *Host Your Neighbor Event*

- Slated for May
- No one has contacted landowner/ potential host yet

#### *Amphibian Monitoring*

- Cindy & Roman will coordinate on timing to post Amphibian crossing signs
- Potentially enlist people to serve as "sign stewards?"
- More postings, education, and reminders needed
- Who will print more salamander crossing sign brochures for Town Meeting Day? Barbara did this last year

#### **Conservation Fund Application Process**

- See attached draft of scoring system
- Change "exceeds" column to "comments" column, and N/A column
- Each HCC member should fill out their own scoring sheet before meeting to review an application
- Changes to Procedure- HCC would like that their recommendation is what goes to Public Hearing, and cannot be changed by Selectboard beforehand.
- Point 7- HCC would like to strike "determine whether to" from that sentence
- If HCC does not feel request adequately reflects the significance of the project, then HCC will ask applicant to resubmit application for different amount.
- Add time frame language- most proposals may require 90 days to be considered
- HCC members should have conversation with Selectboard about this after Town Meeting

#### **Huntington River Website Monitoring Website:**

**Roman motions HCC pay total bill for Huntington River Website of \$67.45; JB seconds; all in favor; motion passes**

#### **Audubon Letter of Support**

Requests letter of support to upgrade building. Margaret will draft letter and share with HCC.

Roman motions to adjourn meeting, Cindy seconds, all in favor; motion passes

**Next Steps**

- Cindy- Ask Wally about potential member from mapping evening
- Margaret- follow up with details about sledding hill use/non use
- Cindy- check with Keith Thompson, County Forester, to see if he is available for potential Host Your Neighbor event.
- Rebecca and Margaret can set up a table at Town Meeting with HCC
- Margaret- ask Wally about process for changing application process for fund requests.
- Margaret- draft letter of support for Audubon

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