

Town of North Yarmouth
Living Well in North Yarmouth Committee
September 19, 2022 Minutes

Attendees: Steve Palmer, Donna Palmer, Peggy Leonard, Diane Morrison, Gay Peterson, Amy Hail (Select Board Liaison) **Excused absence:** Ann Dillon, Ginny van Dyke, Al Ahlers, Peter Lindsay
Guests: Jackie Hersey (WCCH Director)

Call to Order: 6:35 PM

The minutes to the June 2022 meeting were approved.

New Business:

- I. **Jackie Hersey** reported on some of her Community Center plans. She and her assistant, Jackson Humphrey, hope to have at least one community event a month. Present plans include a Trunk or Treat event on Saturday October 29, a kids' yard sale on Saturday November 20 and a Tree Lighting ceremony in December. Ways that LWNy could support her plans were discussed. Jackie will get in touch with Ann Dillon to determine how the LWNy volunteer list could be incorporated into event needs. Peggy Leonard suggested that the sounding board (made up of LWNy members) for the Community Center be re-instated. Amy Haile will discuss options for that group with the town manager.

Old Business:

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I. **Story Walk Update: Diane Morrison**

- a. Diane Morrison reported that the new Story Walk will officially open on Saturday September 24 at 1PM.
- b. The Kiosk, donated by Joe Lucey, has been installed. Clark Bastion and the Public Works department, the Morrison family, Hammond Lumber, and Maine paints have all been very generous in help and donations. Several members of the LWNy committee have been out raking and grooming trails in their free time. Jackie Hersey has also volunteered to help with graphics for the individual boards.
- c. Jackie has placed information regarding the opening on the WCCH FB page and is planning on starting an Instagram page for the trail.
- d. A sign has been created asking people to consider leashing their dogs on the trail so as to protect the many small children who are anticipated to be enjoying story walks. Amy Haile will present that plan for approval to the full Select Board at the 9/20 meeting.
- e. There was discussion regarding creating a "Friends of Story Walk" group to help Jackie Hersey oversee the trails and change out the books.
- f. Diane Morrison described the Fairy Woods area on the trail, which she has created.

II. Kite Festival: Steve Palmer

- a. Steve reports that volunteers have stepped up to put up the signs for the October 1 Kite Festival, take care of music, parking, bubble station, kite making, face painting, corn hole, and cardboard sledding. More volunteers are still needed for set-up.
- b. The Congregational Church, Historical Center, and Fire Company will all have tables for fundraising.
- c. Dogs must be leashed at all times.

Other Business:

- I.** Amy Haile would like to have LWNYS share committee goals with her in her new role as liaison. That request will be added to the October agenda.
- II.** Steve Palmer discussed the need for a committee, incorporating community members, WCCH director, SB, town manager etc., to work together to create NYS outdoor recreation plans (i.e., playgrounds, trails, etc).
- III.** Peggy Leonard gave an update on her role with Casco Bay Trails, Rail to Trails position. She invites all to get together on Thursday, September 29, 5:30-7PM, at the Yarmouth Historical building for an informational meeting.

Next Meeting: In October, exact date to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Gay Peterson.