

Meeting Minutes No. 2

Project Name: Hill's Hill Mountain Biling Trails and Skills Area

Project Number: ENG23-3028

Date: October 20, 2023

Time: 8:30 AM

Location: Hill's Hill site,
422 Summer Street, Arlington, MA

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This meeting was the initial site walk for the Hill's Hill Mountain Bike Trails and Skills Area project. This meeting included representatives from the design team of Weston & Sampson, Pillar Design Group, PumpTrax USA and the Recreation Committee and MTB Trails Working Group.

General Topics of Discussion:

1. The site walk commenced at the parking of the skating rink at the backstop of Buck Field baseball field. The team walked the existing forested area along Summer Street toward Washington Street. Along the route the team discussed opportunities and constraints related to constructability, access, preservation of existing forest and habitat.
2. Weston & Sampson documented the route with GPS coordinate points. Noting portions of the route were already disturbed by foot paths and trails within the forested area. The existing conditions were also documented with photographs.

3. There was the identification of the possibility of ADA parking access from Summer Street and or Washington Street. Designated ADA parking only currently. Summer Street may be best to allow access to the potential designated skills area.
4. It was noted that "The meadow" is an area of concern. Also noting the meadow is currently used by park visitors for hang out activities by evidence of a cooler and other debris. The meadow was surrounded by lower height trees / larger vegetation that are in decline or dead.
5. The southwest hillside of the meadow has mature trees and possible habitat that should be considered.
6. Possible entrance access from Washington Street. Parking on the Washington Street could be challenging.
7. Consider access from the adjacent Minuteman Trail
8. This project is to be a collaborative effort between all parties with open discussions and respect to all parties' opinions.
9. Public meeting #1 tentatively scheduled for November 15th. This is intended to be mostly a community listening session with Pillar and PumpTrax having some visioning images or related projects in skill elements and scale.
10. Weston & Sampson is finalizing the LIDAR survey and will confirm a date. Currently waiting on leaves to fall a bit more.
11. The Town is waiting on the tree survey to be provided under a separate effort. They will send to the team when it becomes available.

Action Items:

1. W&S to upload the GIS data and confirm the schedule of the survey.
2. The town will distribute the tree survey.
3. W&S to set meeting for Public Meeting #1 preparation in advance of Nov. 15th.

Site Photos:





END OF NOTES

These notes are intended to represent the topics discussed accurately. Please notify author of any correction, clarifications, or additions upon receipt. Revised notes will be redistributed; otherwise, these notes will serve as the record for this meeting.