

FRIENDS OF CITY BROOK
REPORT OF REORGANIZATION MEETING 8-6-2016
AT THE WATERFORD LIBRARY

Attending:

Happy Chapman,
Kathy Graney,
Dan Graney,
Bill Haynes,
Ted Gerber,
Dana Wickersham,
Mike Wickersham,
Gere O'Donnell,
Russ Alexander,
Bob Spencer,
John Wait,
David Sanderson

1. Bob Spencer welcomed all and ran through a summary of what the group had done since its original founding in 2008.
2. Discussion opened on the goal of becoming a 501-3-c non-profit. David pointed out that we already are a Maine non-profit. Bill recalled that the Historical Society Trustees had voted to allow donations to FCB to be taken under the WHS umbrella just like the Tree Project. Bob and Ted agreed to research this in order to receive donations.
3. Bob questioned whether the Town would be involved in work to improve lots along the stream. Bill mentioned that there is some discussion going on among the Selectmen about setting up a Public Works Department.
4. Bob mentioned that he and gere have met with a local contractor about repairing their dam
5. A brainstorming session followed touching on issues that are relevant to City Brook.
 - a. How would the group assist in repair of the stone bridge on the access road to Keoka Dam which is privately owned? Several people mentioned that restoration of the pond at Watson's Falls would also help fire prevention.
 - b. Issues of water quality will involve many agencies. City Brook feeds Long Lake and then Sebago where Portland draws some of its water supply.
 - c. The restoration of the Hapgood/Hamlin mill pond was discussed
 - d. Establishing a walking trail was discussed as a way of increasing attention on the importance of City Brook.
 - e. Water quality has a large impact on property values.
6. Bob questioned why something could not be done to maintain water level in the Back St Bridge fire plug. Bill said that it might be removed. That could raise the fire insurance Rates for houses on Back St.
- 7 Status of the site of Phil's garage was discussed.

8. Three members offered to volunteer as officers for one year.

- President Bob
- Treasurer: Kathy
- Clerk: Bill

9. Atty Linda Russell will be hired to consult on IRS application.

10. Next Steps

- a. A page will be created for FCB on the Town website.
- b. Further sections of the City Brook Walking Trail might be opened where lot owners approve or on Town land.
- c. Are there other owners of streamside lots who might donate the land to the Town?
- d. Several attendees are ready to make start-up donations, if such can be made through the WHS revolving fund.
- e. Date for next meeting in early September for a working group consisting of Bob, Gere, Kathy, Dan, Bill and David will be set.

Respectively submitted by Bob Spencer