

SUBJECT: INFORMING THE ASSEMBLY ON THE STATUS OF THE JONESVILLE PUBLIC USE AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN.

AGENDA OF: August 3, 2021

ASSEMBLY ACTION:

Presented to Assembly. 08.03.21 KBJ

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: For information only.

APPROVED BY MICHAEL BROWN, BOROUGH MANAGER: *MB*

| Route To: | Department/Individual | Initials | Remarks |
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| | Borough Clerk | <i>QRM 7/26/21</i> | <i>KBJ</i> |

ATTACHMENT (S) : NONE

SUMMARY STATEMENT: On January 19, 2021, the Jonesville Public Use Area Management Plan was presented before the Assembly. The Assembly passed a motion postponing Ordinance Serial No. 21-006 to August 3, 2021 to allow for additional public dialogue on the Jonesville Public Use Area Management Plan.

On January 26, 2021, the Jonesville Public Use Area Management Plan Committee, a subcommittee of the Sutton Community Council, met to discuss the Assembly postponement of the Plan. Consensus by the Committee was made to work through the Plan and make various amendments as needed. On January 27, 2021, the Sutton Community Council hosted a public meeting and discussion on the Jonesville Public Use Area Management Plan. The meeting was well attended with over 65 people in attendance in person and through Zoom. Many community members and user group organizations voiced their

opinions and proposed suggestions and changes to the Plan. The Community Council referred the Plan back to the Jonesville Public Use Area Management Plan Committee for further public input, discussion, and revision.

On February 2, 2021, the Committee continued public discussion on the Plan and reiterated that the main objective of the Committee is to meet and work through the public objections and suggestions, and gain passage of the Management Plan by the Assembly. The Plan was made available on the Sutton Community Council website with an option for the public to provide comment via the website. In addition to the website, the Committee encouraged feedback and comments through various means including in person and in writing. The Committee determined that weekly public meetings going forward would be the best mechanism to solicit public involvement and rework the Plan.

Since February, the Jonesville Public Use Area Management Plan Committee has held over 20 public meetings to allow for additional public dialogue and to make changes and edits to the Plan. The process has included discussing the Plan and proposing amendments, as well as meticulously reviewing the Plan line by line. Numerous comments and suggestions have been submitted by members of the public. Each comment and suggestion has been thoroughly reviewed by the Committee. Where applicable, the public comments and suggestions were incorporated into the document. While the overall intent of the Plan has remained the same throughout the process, the Plan has essentially undergone a rewrite.

Revisions and edits to the Plan are nearing completion, but are still ongoing. Once the Plan is finalized by the Committee and before being presented to the Assembly again, the Plan will be presented to the Sutton Community Council, the Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board, and the Planning Commission. There will be opportunities for additional public discussion at all of these meetings. Currently there is no definitive timeline for when the revised Plan will be presented to the Assembly, however, the Committee and Sutton Community Council expect to have the Plan back before the Assembly before the end of 2021.

This IM is being provided to the Assembly for their information and review.