

MINUTES

NEW HAVE TOWN LANDS COMMITTEE

SITE VISIT-DEMERS PARK

JUNE 10, 2017

Tim Bouton, Cindy Hill, Taborri Bruhl, Suzy Roorda, Steve Dupois and Susan Smiley participated in a site visit of Demers Park, Saturday, June 10, 2017. Standing in the parking area of Demers Park Tim Bouton reported on the unsuccessful efforts of the Meets and Bounds subcommittee to find the survey pins for the park. The group walked down the path, through the ferns, to the river, discussing the fact that the deed for the park does not go down to the water's edge, though visitors have the right to walk into the river from the park. Walking back, the group continued up the access road to the River Rd., where they discussed ideas for clearing brush under standing trees to improve sightlines down into the park. From this point the site visit participants walked down away from the River Rd. to an area bounded by a 15' cliff rising from the floor of the park., returning finally to the parking area beside a large mowed area, formerly a playing field, adjacent to several picnic tables.

Other things discussed during the site visit included:

removing the culvert on the access road to keep water from across the River Rd. from flowing in the playing field area of the park.

Improving the parking area , taking care in expanding parking to follow accepted standards for parking spaces, access lane widths and drainage.

Improving signage for the park along the River Rd.

Creating signage within the park for natural features and the park's signature plant communities.

Encouraging schools groups to visit the park

Finding help to cut and control the Japanese Knotweed that grows along the river's edge.