

Concord Conservation Commission  
Trails Subcommittee  
Draft Minutes  
July 13, 2016 Meeting

Present: Beth Fenstermacher – Senior Planner, Rob Knight, Rob Talmadge, Fran Philippe, Hillary Thomson, Leslie Talmadge.

1. June 8, 2016 minutes accepted.

2. Trail Construction Updates.

Broken Ground:

- Fran reported the Curtisville Road to Frost Road trail and the connector trail to Profile Ave have been cleared. Next trail to clear is the trail along the east boundary, but need to wait for Ron's return from firefighting duty. The relocated Curtisville parking lot will be built as part of a planned timber sale, so it may be delayed until the timber sale takes place.
- Fran suggested making a handicap accessible viewing platform looking over the pond and dam. It would require a short spur from the new trail. Beth will ask Ron to make an estimate of the cost, and it could be included in next year's budget.
- Rob K suggested a meeting to decide names and blaze colors of the new trails, and to decide which are loop trails and which are through trails. Discussed signage re dogs on the trail on the east side of the pond. The Conservation Commission wants the Trails Committee to make the decision.

Swope to Winant Connector:

- Trail clearing has been started from the Swope kiosk, across Long Pond Road and up to the existing trail.
- Discussed doing more preliminary chainsaw work with volunteers in the absence of Ron. Rob K will work on finding a time.

Safety gear for volunteers:

- Beth will investigate the possibility of finding a grant to cover the cost of chainsaw chaps or other gear for trail volunteers.

3. Trail Guide Updates:

- Progress was slow last month. Rob K needs to remind people to send in updates. People who do not respond should be called by members of the committee. Beth has had software issues so she could not do maps. Trail guide will be printed in house, so we do not need to wait for all updates. Updates can be made as soon as they are done.
- Beth had a suggestion from the Capital Area Wellness Coalition to add health and wellness tips to each map.
- Beth plans to make a tri-fold brochure to promote the trail website and trail guide.

4. Community Trail Walks:

- Only two hikers came on the June 30 hike despite a fair amount of publicity. Maybe it was too close to the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend? Beth will ask our stewards for more hike ideas and dates.
- There are three major occasions coming up: Nov 9 Five Rivers hike; Broken Ground trail opening; Swope to Winant connector opening.

5. Trail Maintenance and Reporting: 86 hours of volunteer trail labor reported for June.

6. Other: The producer of NHPR's "Something Wild" show has contacted Beth and Rob K about doing a story on interesting features on the West End Farm Trail. It would be later in September.

7. Next meeting: August 10. Rob K will be away that week.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rob Knight, Chair

Next Meeting: August 10, 2016 5:30