

MEETING OF THE TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE  
OF THE CONCORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
August 10, 2016

Present: Beth Fenstermacher, Robert Erlenwein, Katherine Healy, Tim Pifer, Ron Klemarczyk, Rob Talmadge, Fran Philippe, Leslie Talmadge, Audra Klumb, Gail Page

1. Minutes from the July meeting were accepted as written.

2. Trail Construction Updates

**Broken Ground:**

The "sensitive trail" east of the beaver pond has been laid out.

Sale of timber from land north of Curtisville Rd. will fund the new parking lot for the trails off of Curtisville Rd. Three bids will be sought within the next week. There are 35,000 board feet of lumber available for sale. The sale is projected for the end of August or early Sept.

Fran notes that the city road crew has created a slope for road drainage into the beaver pond. Will this be problematic for the pond's water quality?

Tim recommends that the perimeter trail be marked with blue blazes. The question of naming that trail for Howard Nowell, a local hunter and outdoorsman who died in those woods will need to be approved by the City Council.

Fran raised the idea of providing a short handicapped accessible trail to the edge of the beaver pond. Ron Klemarczyk believes the ground in that area would present a problem for such a trail.

***The goal for completing the trails in Broken Ground is the end of September.***

***[NOTE: There is need for a greater number of volunteer trail clearers in order to complete these tasks in time for the "grand opening". Recent sessions have seen only 3 persons present.]***

**Swope to Wynant:**

Ron Talmadge and Rob Knight have done much clearing. The trail is passable but needs further cleanup. Bridges and plank walks will be needed. This trail and the parks it connects are used year round and erosion is a problem. There are wet areas that should be skirted.

Vandals have sprayed black paint on the kiosk at Swope, making the information there unreadable. We will replace the posted materials and map.

3. Trail Guide Updates

Beth is still waiting for some trail stewards to submit their updates and changes. It is important to verify the existing trails on the current maps and add any new trails and information.

4. Community Trail Walks

Five Rivers Conservation Trust plans a community hike on November 6<sup>th</sup>, location TBD. This committee would like to sponsor a hike from Swope to Carter Hill, ending with donuts and cider.

Trails Committee volunteers will also lead hikes this fall. Fran, Gail, and Katherine have volunteered. Dates to be determined with Beth.

5. Trail Maintenance and Reporting

Please submit your volunteer hours to Beth.

Mast Yard continues to be a site for dumping old furniture. It has also had arson-caused fires.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45.

Next meeting: September 14, 2016 at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Page, secretary