

CONCORD TRAILS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

Present: Beth Fenstermacher, Ron Klemarczyk, Hilary Thomson, Rob Knight, Tim Pifer, Greg Mannesto, Jim Lombard, Rob Talmadge, Fran Philippe, David Shore, Robert Erlenwein, Gail Page

1. Minutes: Moved and seconded to accept August minutes.

2. Broken Ground:

Fran Philippe reports that the trails west of the beaver pond and the boundary trail are cleared and brushed. The trail on the east side of the pond is partially complete. Ron K. has removed more stumps in the trails. Four bridges are in place, five more to go including a 16' bridge. Students in the ROPES program are not available to help with bridge-building but Mike Showalter and friends are ready to help.

Yet to be done are pole-sawing branches overhead, blazing the trails and "GPS-ing" the distances on each trail. Tim Pifer volunteers to do the GPS work. Beth, Ron, Rob, Gail and Fran will meet to discuss the blazing and set a date to start.

The mountain bikers plan to lay out their trail in October. Matt Bowser is their contact person.

The logging for the timber sale is underway now. The loggers will create the new 50' x 40' parking lot on Curtisville Rd.

Tentative date for the Grand Opening of the trails is October 22. Beth will get publicity from the Monitor.

3. Swope to Wynant:

The focus has been on Broken Ground, but work will resume on this trail soon. St. Paul's School has offered students to help build a bridge as part of their required community service. Bridge building is planned for Oct. 19.

4. Trail Maintenance:

Ron K. reports he dealt with a hornet's nest under the bench in Wynant Park, sanded the Swope kiosk to remove the spray paint vandals left and installed a felt paper surface that will be easier to clean of graffiti. He cut brush in front of the kiosk to make it and vandals more visible. He would like to cut brush between the road and the parking lot for the same reason, but needs city approval. He

installed drainage pipes on the West End Farm Trail. He has arranged a timber sale from the Horse Hill and Clark Lots.

5. Trail Guide Updates:

Sam (?) has ridden the trails with a GPS tracker.

Trail Monitors need to send in any changes to trail descriptions for the new trail booklet.

Need the description for the Broken Ground trails. (this is in process)

Tim Pifer suggests that QR codes be added to trail heads so that people can download the trail onto their cell phones.

6. Community Trail Walks:

Five Rivers Conservation Trust and the city of Concord are working together on a community walk set for November 6<sup>th</sup> at noon. The walk will be on the trail from Swope to Carter Hill. Participants are to park at Carter Hill and be shuttled to Swope. Five Rivers notes that this trail has numerous stumps that need to be clipped. Jim Lombard volunteers to handle this chore. He also will be available to shuttle walkers.

Gail Page volunteers to lead a community hike on November 19th. Rob Knight suggests we also lead ski touring events for the community.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

NEXT MEETING: October 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM, City Hall conference room

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Page