

CONCORD CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 2016

Present: Fran Philippe, James Lombard, Hilary Thomson, Rob Talmadge, Rob Knight, Tim Pifer, Ron Klemarczyk, Beth Fenstermacher, Robert Erlenwein, David Ross, Gail Page, Chris Northrop

1. September minutes were approved as written.

2. Trail Construction Updates:

All Broken Ground trails are cleared and brushed. Overhead branches are pole sawn. The parking lot on South Curtisville Rd. is completed. A new trail to the blue trail woods road from the parking lot is cut so as to avoid needing to walk on the road. (Also gives a good look at the cellar hole there) The trailheads are opened and visible. The woods road has been graded, culverts are installed and water bars constructed. All bridges and plank walks are in place but for one. That will be done in the spring when the wet areas are more evident. Ron has graded the approaches to the bridges. Tim Pifer has "GPSed" the trails and determined their milages. Blazing is underway. Beth will check on the city's gate that currently blocks the road access to the orange trail. (It's possible to climb over it, but needs to be moved to beyond the trailhead.) Beth has made temporary laminated directional signs to install at trailheads and junctions. These will be installed by volunteers before the "Grand Opening" on 10/22. Ron will put up "no motorized vehicles" signs. The mountain bikers will construct their separate trail in the spring.

3. The October 22nd Grand Opening will start at South Curtisville Rd. There will be two simultaneous hikes, one taking the yellow and blue trails around the beaver pond and a longer hike on the blue trail. Leaders and sweeps are Ron and Fran on the longer hike and Gail and Hilary on the pond trails. Ron will do a talk before the hikes about the area now preserved.

The Swope to Winant trail needs bridges. Ron K and teens from St. Paul's School will construct 2 bridges.

4. Community Trail Walks:

The Five Rivers sponsored hike set for 11/6/16 is seeking volunteers for leaders and drivers. Participants will assemble at Carter Hill and be driven to the hike's start at Marjory Swope Park on Long Pond Rd. They will hike to Carter Hill. There are reportedly stumps on this trail that need to be cut down.

Gail Page volunteered to lead a city sponsored hike on 11/19/16.

5. Trail Committee T-Shirts:

Tim Pifer has the designs and will check on cost of printing them.

6. Trails Maintenance and Reporting:

- a. See items 2 and 3 above.
- b. Trees are down in Bachelder Mill Trail system.
- c. Cars are parking where they shouldn't on District 5 Rd.

7. Trail Guide Updates:

Chris Northrop GPSed Rolf Park and has a revised description. This park is used by MVHS's cross country team. The trail differs from the map at its south end. School kids have made miscellaneous trails. New blazing is badly needed.

Next meeting November 9th, 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted, Gail Page, recording secretary