

Concord Conservation Commission Trails Sub-Committee
Meeting Minutes for February 8, 2017

Present: Ron Klemarczyk, Rob Talmadge, Rob Knight, David S. Ross, Fran Philippe, Tim Piper, Beth Fenstermacher, Greg Manesco, Gail Page, Audra Klumb, Hilary Thomson
Guests: Leslie Talmadge, Debbie Follansbee (abutter to WEFT at District #5 Road), Robert Erlenwein

1. Minutes from the January 2017 meeting were accepted as presented.
2. Fran Philippe presented her ideas to make the trail marking and trail maps at Broken Ground more logical for hikers.
 - The Yellow Trail would be renamed the Pond Loop, with the yellow blazes continuing on the short section of Old Frost Rd and on the trail on the east side of the pond back to the parking lot.
 - The Blue Loop would be renamed the Howard Nowell Trail and the trail and its blue blazes would end where the trail meets the Yellow Trail/Pond Loop on Old Frost Road. Fran will prepare a resolution for the City Council to rename the trail after Howard Nowell.
 - The White trail would be renamed Profile Connector.

The suggested changes were discussed and accepted. Fran will reblaze the trail when the weather is warmer and coordinate with Beth Fenstermacher on redoing the trail map.
3. Rob Talmadge asked how we determine the need for and location of future trails in Concord. Rob said there is a need for undeveloped open space. Trails impact wildlife, neighbors, and too many trails may exceed the capacity of volunteers to maintain them. Rob has asked an acquaintance who is a NH Fish and Game biologist to come to the March meeting and speak about the impact of trails on wildlife. Rob Knight suggested that the committee develop criteria with which to judge proposed trails. Criteria for proposed trails will be further discussed at the March meeting.
4. Community Trail Walks
 - Fran Philippe reported on the January 14 hike at Broken Ground. There were nine hikers.
 - February 25: Rob Knight will lead a hike from Swope trailhead to the old winter recreation area
 - March 25: Gail Page will lead a hike on the trails off Weir Road
 - April 15: Hilary Thomson will lead a hike on the Winant/Swope Connector trail
 - May ??: Fran Philippe will lead a hike on the Sewalls Falls trails
5. Trails committee T-shirts: Tim Piper priced shirts at \$12.75 each with a minimum order of 12. Cost goes down to \$11.00 if 24 are ordered. There is a \$50 setup fee which Beth Fenstermacher said that the City could pay. Fran Philippe suggested the committee consider alternative designs, and Fran will bring an alternative design to the next meeting.
6. Signs: Tim Piper presented material that could be used by the State Prison to make economical signs. The signs would need plywood backing. Ron Klemarczyk said that making pressure treated

plywood backing would be feasible. Committee agreed on green signs with white letters. New signage will be done first for Broken Ground (coordinated by Fran Philippe) and the Connector trail (coordinated by Rob Knight).

7. Trail Maintenance and Reporting: Ron Klemarczyk reported on his recent trail maintenance. Beth Fenstermacher reported that the City has revised its contract with the contractor who plows Swope and Winant parking lots so the lots will be sanded as necessary.
8. Updating maps and information in kiosks will be discussed next month due to the lack of time this month.

Next meeting is March 8 **at 5:15.**