

Concord Conservation Commission
Trails Sub-committee Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2017

Present: Greg Mannesto (member), David Ross (member), Mike Schowalter (member), Beth Fenstermacher (Assistant City Planner), Tim Pifer (vice chair), Rob Knight (chair), Fran Philippe (member), Rob Talmadge (member), Ron Klemarczyk (City Forester), Katherine Healy (ConComm liaison), Hilary Miskoe, Leslie Talmadge, Bethany Tarbett, Anne Gwynne, and Chris Northrop.

1. Minutes of the May 10th meeting were approved as written.
2. Community trail walks:
 - a. The 5/27/15 walk at Sewalls Falls lead by Fran P. was well attended by the public. There were about 12 participants.
 - b. Upcoming hikes
 - David Ross will lead the next hike on 6/24/17 at the Jim Hill River Walk, Runnells Road.
 - Mike Showalter will lead a hike on 7/22 at Dimond Hill Farm. Mike or Rob K. will follow up with Jane at Dimond Hill regarding parking.
 - Fran will lead a hike on 8/26 at the Batchelder Mill Road trails, Shawmut St. entrance
 - Kathy Healy announced that the Five Rivers Conservation Trust will host their annual hike on 11/5 at the Swope to Winant Park connector trail.
 - Beth announced that there will be a yoga hike on 9/16 at 5:30pm at Swope Park, and guided off-road bike rides will be announced for the summer months once a schedule is received from the guides
3. T-Shirts
Tim Pifer handed out t-shirts. He will reach out to those who ordered shirts and were not in attendance.
4. Update on permanent signs for Broken Ground and Connector trails
Beth, Fran and Rob K. will be meeting separately to go through the lists and coordinate signage contents.
5. Trail Stewards – Spring trail check
Fran presented reports she has received, and asked for trail stewards to submit their reports if they haven't already done so.
6. Trail Maintenance & Reporting
 - a. Update of Rossview Trails – Beth provided a summary of her meeting with the Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) and the Office of Energy and Planning (OEP). The state is requiring that additional signage be put up on these trails, and that all trail blazes be uniform. Beth will order blazes from Voss sign and will let the group know when they are available to be put up.
 - b. Oak Hill reroute – Ron gave an update on the proposed reroute, which is now flagged for people to review. He recommended that a separate trail for the bikers be placed in the ledge area.
 - c. Maintenance on Winant Connector – Ron gave an update on work completed to address wet areas on the trail. He requested that any running events be postponed after prolonged rain events as it impacts the surface of the trails.
 - d. Trail reports

Ron reported that he painted the boundaries of the Winant parcel green, and located the blazes where they will not be confused with trail blazes. Fran has blazed in yellow at Broken Ground.

Hilary Miskoe and Bethany Tarbett were present to ask about the proposed work on the WEFT to address the extremely muddy section of the trail of Exit 3. Ron explained that the trail will be filled to create a higher, drier surface, and a footbridge will not be required. Hilary and Bethany were pleased with that solution for horse riders.

Rob T. reported that the Jim Hill River walk is very wet after the recent rains.

- e. Trail Work: Rob K. will schedule another work session for the side cuts at Swope
 - f. Reblazing – Rossview and Batchelder Mill trails were added to the list of trails that need to be reblazed.
7. Updating maps and information in all kiosks – Rob K. recommended that a subcommittee be formed to discuss contents of the kiosks.
9. Other business
- Beth reported that a forestry intern was selected and will begin working under Ron starting in July. Beth handed out copies of the trail passport.

Next meeting is on July 12 at 5:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Fenstermacher, secretary pro-tem