

CONCORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Trails Subcommittee Meeting of February 13, 2019

Present: Rob Knight, chairperson; Tim Pifer, vice chairperson; Gail Page, secretary; Ron Klemarczyk, city forester; Beth Fenstermacher, Assistant City Planner; Jeff Lewis, conservation commission representative; David Ross; Rob Talmadge; Fran Philippe; Mike Schowalter; Rik Van Riel

Guests: Megan Macmullen of the homeowners' association at Walker's Reserve; Hilary Miscoe, abutter to Walker State Forest; Don Ross, landowner Rossvie Farm; and Leslie Talmadge.

1. The minutes for January 9, 2019 were approved as presented.

2. Community Trail Walks -

- January 19th - 20 participants at Broken Ground's Marsh Loop hike lead by Gail
- February 16th - David Ross will lead a hike at Carter Hill. Rob Knight will sweep.
- March 16th - Fran will lead a hike at Winant Park. Will ask for permission to use Parker School's parking lot.
- April 20th - Rob Knight, location TBA

3. Proposed Backwoods (Winant) Trails -

In hopes of quelling the on-going development of rogue trails in the land between Winant and Walker State Forest we are exploring making an official trail on the recently acquired city land in that area and connecting it to Walker State Forest trails and the Walker's Reserve trails. Beth sent a letter to the State of NH requesting permission to formalize the portion of the trails crossing Walker State Forest. No response as yet. The plan to walk the existing trails will be delayed until snow permits.

Megan McMullen, chair of the Walker Reserve homeowners' association voiced concerns about potential increased pedestrian traffic on the WR trails which abut their backyards. Also wondered what responsibility the WR homeowners and the city have regarding safety and maintenance. Mike Schowalter explained that there is a process for approving new trails, which includes hearing from neighbors if they have concerns, and the Trails committee is in the early stages of considering trails at Backwoods. Beth obtained Megan's email address and will send her a copy of the letter recently sent to the homeowners' association concerning planned maintenance on the WR trails.

4. Trail Maintenance and Reporting -

- a. A sign is needed at Old Dimond Rd on **Reserve Place**. The abutting landowner approved putting up a sign and Rob K will do it once the ground thaws.
- b. There is a potentially confusing private trail for snowmobiles north of Currier Rd.

off the **West End Farm Trail**. Ron K will paint over the blazes on city land.

c. Ron K has removed a downed beech tree on the **Carter Hill Connector Trail**.

d. He has painted the boundary lines on the **Backwoods property** using teal green paint.

e. He has also marked the boundary line on **Oak Hill** with red paint. Also on Oak Hill, Ron noted a wetland issue encompassing Murray Bluff and Luti Loop. Water is running down the trails. He has cleared brush to reroute the trail around this area.

f. Also regarding Oak Hill trails, Terry's Turn, Ovenbird, Luti and Murray all need reblazing in the spring. It was suggested that Potter, Murray and Luti and maybe Winn's Way should all be blazed blue to indicate a through route with one color. The just published map of Oak Hill will need to be redone to reflect these changes.

g. **Morono Park trail** is over a city sewer line. The city is doing maintenance work on the sewer and will be using the trail route for access.

Next meeting is **March 13, 5:15 pm** in the city hall 2nd floor conference room.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Page, recording secretary