

CONCORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Trails Subcommittee Meeting
July 10, 2019

The Conservation Commission Trails Subcommittee met at 5:15 on June 12, 2019 in the second floor conference room, City Hall, 41 Green St.

Attendees: Rob Knight, Chairperson; Tim Pifer, Vice Chair; Gail Page, Secretary; Jeff Lewis, Conservation Commission Representative; Rob Talmadge; Fran Philippe; Greg Mannesto; Ron Klemarczyk, Consultant Forester; Rik Van Riel (alt.)

Absent: Michael Schowalter; David Ross (alt); Michael Lehman (alt)

Staff: Beth Fenstermacher, Assistant City Planner

Guests: Kris Tardiff, Conservation Commission; Leslie Talmadge

1. Minutes of the June 12th meeting were accepted as submitted.
2. Community trail walks:
 - a. Rob Knight had 15 participants on June 15 at Sewalls Falls trail.
 - b. Fran Philippe will lead a fern identification hike at E. Concord Heritage Trail and Canal Trail on July 13.
 - c. Dave Ross is scheduled to lead a hike on Sunday 8/11 at the Jim Hill River Walk.
 - d. AARP will unveil its signs at Batchelder Mill trails on 8/23 at 11:00 AM. Fran will help lead a hike. Parking available at Mill Brook School on Curtisville Rd. Tim Pifer volunteered to assist Ron Klemarczyk in installing the signs. Beth will email details to the sub-committee. Members are encouraged to be present.
 - e. Gail Page will lead a hike in September.
 - f. Fran Philippe plans a geology hike for October at Oak Hill.
3. Trail Maintenance and reporting:
 - a. Ron K. replaced the bridge at Batchelder Mill with a longer one. Tim Pifer assisted. They also worked on the road to the parking area to improve drainage and reduce mud.
 - b. Ron K. replaced trail signs on Oak Hill and created a bypass of a portion of Luti Loop that collects water. Someone moved the barrier on the upper Murray trail that Ron had set. He reset it. He will fill holes left by persons who moved large rocks in the Tower Trail on Oak Hill.
 - c. On the Swope Winant connector, Ron will install a plank walk and create ditches to handle muddy areas.
 - d. Appreciation was expressed for Rob Knight's work some time ago to improve drainage on the West End Farm Trail.
 - e. Beth and Deputy City Solicitor Danielle Pacik are in contact with Rebecca Ross and Lynn Woodard to set up a meeting to work out an agreement to reopen the portion of WEFT that Mr. Woodard has posted. Beth will prepare additional signs and alternate maps for this area by 7/12, Tim will post the signs at connector trail intersections that lead to the WEFT. Rik Van Reil and Tim Pifer volunteered to reblaze the WEFT.
 - f. Trails at Mast Yard need blazing. Beth will check with the state about this. Part of the trail along the river is on private land.

- g. The Merrimack Valley High School sports teams have agreed to maintain Rolfe Park trails.
- h. The sub-committee has questions regarding the wisdom of continuing to claim Healey Park as part of the city trails network due to its location along the highway and its use by the city homeless population. Parks and Recreation are in charge of this park but don't use it. Members of the sub-committee will visit the park this month and bring their recommendation to the Conservation Commission. A public hearing will be required if it is to be removed from the Trails Sub-committee roster.
- i. Ron K. reported that upon completion of the sewer main work, a trail connection can be created from Clark St. to Morono Park. Further discussion will take place at a future meeting once construction is completed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Page, recording secretary