

**CONCORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Trails Subcommittee Meeting**  
**October 9, 2019**

The Conservation Commission Trails Subcommittee met at 5:15 on October 9, 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; Ron Klemarczyk, Consultant Forester; David Ross; Rob Talmadge; Fran Phillippe

Absent: Michael Schowalter; Michael Lehman (alt.); Greg Mannesto, Rik Van Riel (alt.)

Staff: Beth Fenstermacher, Assistant City Planner

Guests: Hillary Thomson; Judy Weatherbee; Rebecca Woodard Ross; Kris Tardiff, Conservation Commission

Minutes: The committee approved September's minutes as written.

Trail Walks:

- On September 28 Gail lead a group of 11 hikers on the bike trail at Broken Ground pointing out interesting plants and the cellar hole on Frost Rd
- October 19 Fran will lead a geology walk on Oak Hill. Ron Klemarczyk will flag some particular sights beforehand.
- November 9 Rob Knight will lead a hike on the West End Farm Trail starting from Dimond Hill Farm.
- Gail will lead a hike/snowshoe in December, date and location TBD.

Beth will advise hikers via the web announcements to come with proper footwear for their safety and pleasure on the hikes.

Trail Maintenance and Reporting:

-Ron Klemarczyk has been replacing rotting stringers and posts on the 90' bridge at Jim Hill River Walk with eco-friendly materials. During three work days, Rob Knight, David Ross, Tim Pifer, and Rik Van Riel brushed out the trails in the entire system. Ron K has also removed blow-downs here and at other trails.

- Ron K has completed placement of plank walks at muddy spots on the Swope-Winant Connector.
- Ron and intern Leandra cut and filled on the Blue Trail at Swope.
- Leandra has been water-sealing bridges on the trails.
- New volunteer Justin Muccio and Rob Knight brushed out the parking lot on Oak Hill Rd for the Oak Hill trails that start there. They reestablished parking spaces for two additional cars. Meanwhile, Gail and Fran worked on re-blazing the Luti trail. Re-blazing and brushing the three trails at this site will be completed in the near future.
- Fran and Rob K. re-erected signs that had been removed and tossed into the swamp in Broken Ground.

- There is a need to cover graffiti on the log defining the Curtisville Rd parking area for Broken Ground. Beth will refer this to the city's public works crew.
  - Carter Hill's lower trail has a wobbly bridge and needs trimming and reblazing.
  - Gail has brushed the bike path between East Sugar Ball Rd and Portsmouth St.
  - Rik Van Riel will work on the WEFT on the Audubon property.
  - Signs: A new sign is needed for the Oak Hill Rd access to Oak Hill trails. There is none at this time.
- ~ A sign pointing to Runnells Rd is needed at Jim Hill River Walk.
  - ~ Swope needs a sign at the junction of the Blue and Yellow trails
  - ~A sign between the Carter Hill Orchard and the WEFT is needed
  - ~Dimond Hill Farm on the WEFT needs a sign pointing South

Rob Knight will email all trail stewards and request they check their trails in this pre-winter season.

Beth reported that Don Hayes, a resident at Heritage Heights has established an 80 member hiking group there. He leads hikes many times/month.

The question of what to do with Healey Park will be taken up by the City Council in November.

Ron Klemarczyk announced that the logging on Oak Hill on a private lot near the top has finished, potentially opening up the view from the fire tower.

Leandra has been surveying hikers on Concord's trails to assess the public's satisfaction with the trail system. She reports a generally good response.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12. The next meeting will be on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:15 PM, City Hall second floor conference room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Page, Recording Secretary