

Concord Conservation Commission
Trails Subcommittee meeting
October 14, 2020 at 5:15 pm

Chair Rob Knight called the meeting to order at 5:17 PM, the meeting was held via Zoom.

Attendees: Rob Knight, Chairperson; David Ross; Fran Philippe; Rob Talmadge; Judy Weatherbee, (alt); Ron Klemarczyk, city forester; Jeff Lewis and Kristine Tardiff of the Conservation Commission
Absent: Greg Mannesto and Rik van Riel
Staff: Beth Fenstermacher, Assistant City Planner

The committee was authorized to meet electronically due to COVID-19. Chair Rob Knight called the meeting to order and read the following statement:

As Chair of the Concord NH Conservation Commission Trails Subcommittee, due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this Subcommittee is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to the meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, we have provided public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, and instructions are provided on the City of Concord's website at: www.concordnh.gov/planning

With Regard to providing public access to the meeting;

We are utilizing the Zoom platform for this electronic meeting. All members of the Subcommittee have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through the Zoom platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through visiting the following website address: <https://zoom.us/j/829848841>.

If you do not have website access, you may dial the following phone number 929-205-6099 and enter the webinar id 829 848 841.

*For those calling in who want to provide public testimony, via the website, you may click on the chat icon to ask, or click "raise hand" to be recognized as authorized by the Chair. For participants, dialing in on a phone, you may dial *9 to alert the Chair that you want to testify. Please note that testimony only applies to public hearings, and public participation may not be authorized in a public meeting which is not a public hearing.*

With Regard to providing the public with a way to alert us about access problems;

If anybody has a problem, please call 603-225-8515 or send an email to: planning@concordnh.gov.

With Regard to adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting;

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, we will adjourn the meeting and have it rescheduled at that time.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by Roll Call vote.

With that, let's start the meeting by taking a Roll Call attendance. When each member states their presence, also please state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.

Agenda items

1. Minutes from the September meeting were read and accepted with one clarification.
2. New Trail updates:
 - a. Knowlton Woods (part of Oak Hill Trails). Ron Klemarczyk announced that bids for logging this area have been received and the contract awarded. The planned trail is flagged now with orange flagging with black dots on the east trail. The west trail is easily visible. Matt Bowser and NEMBA will take the lead in working on the trail. Ron will have Concord

High School's "ROPES" course participants help build a bridge on the trail. While the trail building is in process, it will remain closed at both ends. The logger will develop the parking area after using the area as a log yard. A driveway permit is needed.

- b. Backwoods Trail. Most of the trail and loop is cut and marked and being used. Permission to cross 150' of Bruce Lambert's land is still unresolved. Jim Owers is working with Mr. Lambert and the Fisk Hill Association to get permission. Until permission is obtained, that part of the trail will not be blazed.

3. Trail Maintenance and Reporting

- a. Drainage problems on the Carter Hill lower trail cannot be addressed at present since they are not visible due to the drought.
- b. Rob K. finished brushing the WEFT near Turkey Pond. Reblazing the WEFT from the bike path to NH Audubon still needs to be done.
- c. Relocating the Batchelder Mill connection to Curtisville Road to avoid the wet area will be scheduled by Ron.
- d. Beth has updated the Weir Road trail map to reflect the trail changes there.
- e. Judy Weatherbee has completed blazing and signs at Spears park. The somewhat confusing layout of the trails pre-dates the city's acquisition of the property.
- f. Fran has reblazed the woods trails at Carter Hill. Carter Hill staff will maintain trails that run within the orchard. Orchard owners request new supply of trail maps.
- g. David Ross has picked up the trash at Runnells Road (Jim Hill River Walk) and Lehtinen Park.
- h. Ron K has removed two downed trees at O'Reilly Fleetham near old railroad tracks. The abutting landowner has put up Private Property signs along his nearby land.
- i. Ron has built a 24' long bridge at Clark St near Knight Morono. This allows a new access route. Neighbors are seeking to create direct access from their neighborhoods to the graveled Water Department roads in the area.
- j. Additional boulders now are in place at the corner of Long Pond Rd and Lake View in an attempt to stop people from parking there. As this is City water supply watershed property, the Water Department manages this.

4. Other Business

- a. Beth will be ordering additional signs. It is best to order in bulk and it seems there are enough needed to warrant an order. Let Beth know about any needed signs.
- b. Dave Ross noted that he heard a hiker died on Oak Hill late in September, apparently after falling and hitting her head. No information has been publicized.
- c. Rob K will remind all trail stewards to do a fall trail check. Rob is working on having the trail reports in a more formal format.
- d. Ron reported that on progress rerouting the WEFT off Currier Road. A wetland permit is needed to install a longer culvert. Once the permit is received the trail will be improved so snowmobiles can use it, and a small parking pull-off will be constructed.
- e. Beth, Fran, Stefanie Breton (City's public information officer) and Bob Holdsworth from Leave No Trace worked with Concord CCTV to create a video about the proper use of the trails. Beth will send a link when it is completed.
- f. Beth asks if stewards and committee members would appreciate purchase of "grabbers" for picking up trash. Could use the \$100 the city was given by the UCC church. General agreement that this would be a useful item to have.
- g. All are reminded that HUNTING SEASON HAS BEGUN.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05

Next meeting is TUESDAY, November 10 at 5:15

Respectfully submitted,
Gail R. Page, recording secretary