

Concord Conservation Commission  
Trails Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes  
September 8, 2021

Attending: Vice Chair, Scott Daniels; Secretary, Gail Page; Rob Talmadge; Fran Philippe; Judy Weatherbee; Greg Mannesto; Rik Van Riel (alt)  
City Planning Dept. representative, Beth Fenstermacher  
Conservation Commission representative, Jeff Lewis  
Forester: Ron Klemarczyk  
Absent: Chairperson Rob Knight, David Ross (alt.) and Ben Stephenson (alt.)

Agenda:

1. Minutes for July 2021 were approved as amended. (No August meeting was held.)

2. Trail Guide Update:

- Map 1 and Map 2 both cover some of the same territory. Group suggests eliminating Map 2 and continue with Mast Yard, Lehtinen Park and Jim Hill River Walk (“JHRW”) detailed on Map 1. Also recommend making the descriptions more succinct, add mileage to the JHRW section and update trail names. In addition, eliminate the dead end, unofficial spur trail on the JHRW map. Jeff Lewis asked whether this will need to go through the trail closure process.

- Map 3 O'Reilly-Fleetham Trail - Fran will rewrite the description of these trails.

- Map 4 Weir Rd-Boscawen Town Forest Trails - The picnic table symbol is not where it should be. A revision will move the symbol to the correct site at the Weir Homestead location. It was agreed that the “nature loop” trail is not apparent or marked. Also, the trail blaze colors are not correct on the map. We need to coordinate blazing with the Boscawen Conservation Commission.

3. Trail Master Plan comments:

Gail, Fran and Rob Knight (via email) offered comments on the new Concord Trails Plan. These comments have been given to Beth Fenstermacher.

4. Trails Ranger:

Beth announced that the city is currently interviewing candidates for the new position of a trails ranger. Once hired, he/she will eventually replace Beth at these sub-committee meetings.

5. New Trail Updates:

Locke Rd/Trout Lily trail. Creation of the new Trout Lily Trail is underway though not complete. Scott, Fran, Judy and Gail worked to cut the ferns that cover the trail. Scott will return with his trimmer to make this task easier. Fran raised the matter of some remnants of an old gate and its cement base situated just beside the trail entrance and asked about getting them removed. Ron Klemarczyk suggests Beth contact Rob Morrill, who leases the nearby field, to see if he could remove or move these objects with his farm equipment. Both entrances to the new trail should be raked to make them obvious. Signs are on order and will be installed by Ron.

- Back Woods Trail-cart path. The committee decided to change the blazes on this newer trail from orange to red since it branches from the red loop trail.

6. Trail Maintenance and Reporting:

Forestry intern Cathy McComish and Forester Ron Klemarczyk removed deadfalls from the Riley trails, moved a no-longer-needed wooden bridge from Broken Ground's Frost Rd to a location on the Marsh Loop, and brushed out the Broken Ground's yellow-blazed Marsh Loop from its start on Curtisville Rd.

Don Ross has reported new rogue trails on his farm property. Ron has installed new signs to discourage this activity.

General Services is set to grade the parking lots at Oak Hill and the other 3 lots that they plow in the winter. Fran asked if fill could be added to the small parking lot on Oak Hill Rd where there is a

significant drop from the road to the surface of the lot.

7. Other Business:

Building debris has been dumped beside the road leading into Broken Ground's eastern-most trails where Unutil has a substation. Unutil is expected to handle its removal.

8. Adjournment at 6:45 PM **Next meeting will be held on October 13, 2021 in the city council chambers.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Page, recording secretary