

**Nottingham Conservation Commission**  
**Trails Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, May 5, 2022 – 6:30 PM**  
Submitted by Celia Abrams

Attending: Celia Abrams (CA), Ian Berry (IB), Melissa Berry (MB), Tom Eid (TE), Deb Kimball, Michael Koester (MK), Leanne Gast (LG).

- **Welcome and Announcements** – The meeting opened at 6:40pm. CA announced she would be leaving the committee in preparation for a move to a different town. After the meeting, supplies in her possession were transferred to TE for Trails, LG for gate closure, and DK for VRAP water testing.
- **Review and Approve Minutes** - CA moved that we accept the minutes from April 7, 2022. MB seconded. Motion passed 2 Aye, 3 abstentions (LG and DK had not yet arrived).
- **Outstanding Tasks**
  - **Benches** - DK purchased the lumber to make 5 benches. She and MK have cut, sanded, and stained most of the wood. DK will put the parts for each in bags to store where volunteers (2-3/bench) can access them and carry to sites to install. CA will provide a map with possible sites at Marsh Woods (3), Kennard (2), Marston (2). Cables, locks, and pavers to be purchased for each set.
  - **Kiosks** - Allan Trant has built a kiosk for the Marston trail and will install it next week, coordinating with the Rec Department.
  - **Terninko property** - The Terninko family has listed 208ac of the property for sale in 2 parcels – the 107ac parcel with the trails under NCC CE and 103 ac under NRCS WRE CE. The house lot and the 45-ac parcel across the road are not yet for sale. The CE land is not buildable. Some inquires have already come to NCC members. Ellen Snyder will need a primary contact from NCC for her work on the Stewardship Plan for the 107ac parcel.
  - **Kiosk Panels** - Marsh Woods and Marston need kiosk panels. The panels could be printed by Portsmouth Signs, but NTC needs a map maker and designer to create the image to be printed. CA suggested a couple options for designers, with members favoring SRPC. Text can be drawn from existing documents.
  - **Kennard Forest** - CA talked with Mike Kennard about parking signs on his property and has installed one on the pine tree at the entrance.
  - **Trail Finder** – Each trail we want to post needs text describing the trails to go in a template, GIS files for the individual trails, and photos. CA will

provide the GIS files and template to LG. Text and photos can be drawn from existing documents on the Drive. Check with UNH Cooperative Extension staff (see TrailFinder website for contact) about when they will be staffed to resume posting new trails.

- **Mulligan Forest** - The Fernalds have done the chainsaw and clean up work and accepted NTC's offer to refresh the blazes. Contact those on the volunteer list on the Drive as well as NTC members about their participation in this project. Painting supplies are now with TE.
- **Clean Up Days** – CA and TE participated at Marston Farm trails on the 4/16 town-wide clean up day. On 4/22 (Earth Day) Susan Mooney, TE, CA, LG, and Alan Rubin worked on Marsh Woods and Kennard Forest. The 4/24 clean up day for Mulligan was canceled and will be rescheduled for refreshing blazes on Mulligan Forest.
- **Tasker Gate** – LG will take responsibility for closing the gate on 6/1 and re-opening it on 6/30, as well as putting up the side fencing. She has the cable, lock, fencing and zip ties to do this.
- **GRANIT map making** – CA will finish editing the instructions for make trail (and other) maps with UNH GRANITview ArcGIS software and put them on the Drive. IB will look into using the software. MK suggested the Kennard Forest map would benefit from more noticeable contour lines. CA will see if there is already an electronic version available (opacity can be adjusted for this layer).
- **Project and Action Item Updates**
  - **Interpretive Guides** - TE provided an updated timeline and content list for the interpretive trail on Marsh Woods. We discussed the timeline, which can be adjusted, and various options for publicity. TE will look for sources for round aluminum signs, green or black numbers on white background, for the site markers. A trial walk will be planned for after June, with a community-wide walk for the Fall. A few changes to the content and intro paragraph were considered.
- **Other**
  - **Membership** – Now that TE is a Nottingham resident, we voted to accept him as a member of the Trails Committee - CA moved, LG seconded, 5 Aye (MB & IB left at 7:15). A new co-chair will be chosen at the next meeting.
- **Adjourn**--TE moved to adjourn, DK seconded, 5 Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:10.
  - *minutes approved on 7-7-2022*