

Nottingham Trails Committee
Thursday, February 1, 2018 – 6:30 PM
Nottingham Town Office, Conference Room #2

Present:

- Liz Kotowski – Chair
- Celia Abrams
- Sue Mooney
- Leanne Gast
- Heather Iworsky
- Sam Demeritt
- Christian Matthews
- **Unable to attend:** Krystal Costa, Deb Kimball, Jim Salge, Jonathan Balanoff
- **Guest** - Charlie Tatham, Barrington Trails Committee

Announcements:

- Saturday, February 3, 2018, Timber Harvest Tour at Harveys' Kennard Hill, led by SELT. Sign up by 2/2/18 at noon.
- Saturday, February 10, 2018, Kimball Forest Walk, Freeman Hall Road, led by Bear-Paw.

Barrington Trails Presentation by Charlie Tatham: (www.barringtonconcom.org)

- BT Committee formed in 2000; Charlie joined in 2003; under Conservation Commission; @ 7 members; \$500 annual budget
- They maintain trails on @ 9 properties and host 6-8 work days/year. Trail descriptions and maps are on their website
- Town uses easement form to get permission for trails as most are on private land; Town plows parking areas for events
- Signs (@ 12"x12") provided by NH Trails Bureau
- SATWaSR property has a Picture Post (UNH sponsored) where citizen scientists capture 360-degree views to monitor environmental changes over time <https://picturepost.unh.edu/index.jsp>
- Motorized vehicles are not permitted on trails but difficult to enforce; Town road crew installs gates (CC pays for materials)
- Advice: Involve community in trail development and maintenance (Boy Scouts, schools, volunteers)
- Trailwork Trainings: UNH Coop Ext, SnowHawk, US Forest Service, AMC, NH Forest Society

Google Drive and TC Website:

- Reviewed folders; how to post docs and photos; CM created sub-folders in Mulligan Forest to separate photos and docs
- To upload a photo/doc, click on New in the upper lefthand corner and choose Upload Files. Can also right click to do this.
- There is a 'Trails Committee' page on the Town's website where meeting agenda, minutes, and trail maps can be posted

Minutes – Review and Approve:

- Edits made directly, motion to approve 1/11/18 minutes was accepted
- CM suggested a separate doc for running list of action items excerpted from minutes[1][2]

Mulligan Forest Follow-Up:

- Naomi Houle, conserv easement steward at NH Forest Society sent LK the Kiosk Map of Mulligan Forest which is on the Drive
- CM created a GPS tracking map with photo points along the walk (look for MF tracking map icon on Google Drive). Blue line is going in; yellow is going out. Click on trackers to see photo points. Can be used for educational purposes in the future
- The BOS agreed to have the road crew push some of the snow aside at the Mulligan Forest entrance for winter parking.

State and Lamprey River Advisory Committee grants for trails and projects 2018:

- LK would like to apply for an LRAC grant this spring for a small-scale project that inventories existing trails, creates maps, and encourages residents to visit some of our conservation lands. We would then look into applying for a NH Recreational Trails Grant in 2019 for a larger project, like Merriam-Daggett-Tasker. The LRAC grant is up to \$5,000.
- **Action Item:** LK and LG will meet with Suzanne Petersen of LRAC on 2/13 to discuss the grant process

Outreach:

- March 3, 2018 Kristen Lamb (NCC) is hoping to lead a snowshoe walk of the Kennard property on Kennard Road. The town will be voting via warrant article as to whether to put an easement on this town-owned 34-acre property.
- Nottingham Earth Day May 12 (NCC/ NTC booth). HI may be able to lead a walk on the school trails during this event
- Kristen Lamb is interested in setting up a Facebook page for the NCC. DK and KC will be helping, adding info from NTC
- LK suggested a fundraising idea: create a calendar with photos of our trails and conservation lands to be sold in the fall

February Walk:

- Terninko Property - NTC trail assessment. Saturday, 2/17/18 @ 10am (snow/rain date is Sunday, 2/25/18 @ 10am).
- **Action Item:** Take notes during monthly walks as to the needs of the trails

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 1, 2018 – 6:30 pm, Conf. Room #2

- Phil Auger, Land Manager for SELT, will be speaking. Phil is also active with Bear-Paw and the LRAC.
- CM survey of NTC members and ranking of potential projects

Other:

- The North River Preserve parking lot is not plowed but the trailhead can be accessed from the TO lot across the street.
- **Action Item:** CM will explore the topic of crosswalks on Rt. 152 with the Strafford RPC and the PB. [3][4][5]

Meeting Adjourned - 8:20