

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

**Present:**

- Liz Kotowski – Chair                      Celia Abrams                      Deb Kimball                      Leanne Gast
- Krystal Costa”                      Sam Demeritt                      Jonathan Balanoff\*
- **Unable to attend:** Heather Iworsky, Sue Mooney, Jim Salge, Christian Matthews, and Kortney Dorow \*KC and JB left at 8:10 pm

**Announcements:**

- Sunday, March 4, 2018, 9-11am, Kennard Walk (Warrant Art #15); meet at 62 Freeman Hall @ 9am
- Saturday, April 21, 2018, Trail Maintenance Workshop, led by Lew Shelley of SnowHawk (register on Nature Groupie)

**SELT Maps and Trails by Phil Auger, Land Manager, Southeast Land Trust:**

- Howard Swain Forest property - kiosk signs due to be updated, discussion of glare (alternative for kiosks: printing on metal, new signage is bullet proof from AMI Graphics in Strafford)  
**Action Item:** Remind Phil @ Illinois company that makes signs; Check out Mast Road off of 27 to 87 in Epping for example
- Kennard Hill property can be accessed in Nottingham from French Road, after the beaver pond on the right side
- Bridges: wood (pressure treated only and limited to 20 ft. lengths); look at **Tucker French** property for bridge ideas. Precast concrete blocks are stable and inexpensive (2x2ft blocks require a backhoe)  
**Action Item:** Wetlands permit required for bridge building over stream crossings at MD/Tasker (contact Brooke @ WRP)  
Bog bridges – use 4x6 lengths to reduce bounce. Look at **North River Preserve** for ideas  
**Action Item:** Bog bridges require DES “trails notification permit”
- Kiosk materials: post hole digger, post mix, go down four feet with posts. SELT makes their own kiosk stands
- Gates: cheap farm gates at Tractor Supply (\$100+ use 6x6 posts), for vehicular access plan for 14 ft *minimum*. Starkey Welding in Epping knows SELT plan: drop-pin gate on well casings in poured concrete (vandalism proof) upwards of \$1000+, able to customize for specific needs.
- About 4 loads of processed gravel for parking area (12-inch deep, with a 10-12 ft wide road 50 ft long entryway)
- Advised about progressing too quickly with trail work as they can become overused and destroy land

**Minutes – Review and Approve:**

- The February 1, 2018 minutes will be reviewed and approved at the April 2018 meeting. We ran out of time

**NPF Grant for the Merriam-Daggett and Tasker Lands:**

- NPF grant application has been sent to Suzanne Petersen of LRAC, except for the budget, which will be sent to her by Monday, March 5, 2018, at the latest.

**Project priorities, teams, and LRAC’s small grant program:**

- Ran out of time to discuss

**May 12 Earth Day Festival booth, maps and trail walks:**

- KC, LK, HI, and SD (after fishing derby) will be helping with Earth Day.
- Mark West and HI will lead walks on the trails at the school
- SELT likely not attending
- **Action Item:** Create and print out trail maps and gather other outreach materials to take to the event

**March Reconnaissance Walk: School and Town Office Trails?**

- To Be Determined; depends on how wet the area is and whether it’s walkable

**Agenda items for next meeting:**

- Mark West of Bear-Paw may be presenting

**Next Meeting: Thursday, April 5, 2018 – 6:30 pm, Conf. Room #2**

**Meeting Adjourned - 8:25 pm**