

## **Nottingham Trails Committee Minutes – 07/05/2018**

**Present:** Members Liz Kotowski, Kortney Dorow, Celia Abrams, Leanne Gast, Sam Demeritt, Susan Mooney, Deb Kimball; Chris Doyle, guest. **Absent:** Jon Balanoff, Krystal Costa, Heather Iworsky

The Nottingham Trails Committee (NTC) meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

**Introductions:** Chris Doyle of Stevens Hill Rd may be interested in joining the NTC. She is recently retired and does volunteer work for Bear-Paw Regional Greenways.

**Review of Minutes of 6/7/18 Meeting and 6/30/18 Trail Walk:** The NTC meeting minutes of **6/7/18** were reviewed. Dorow and Kotowski will complete binders for library and rec department. Kotowski has removed Rosenfield-Mallette from the drive as no public access is allowed by landowner. Dorow will follow up with Sterndale on funds collected at Earth Day and proceeds from Marsh Woods timber harvest. We also discussed the possibility of donating cordwood harvested from conservation property to residents in need of firewood, perhaps with guidance from food pantry staff. Moved to accept, as read, by Demeritt, seconded by Mooney, all in favor. Notes were reviewed from the Marsh Woods **6/30/18** walk. All gatherings with a quorum (5) of members require a written record. Moved to accept, as read, by Abrams, seconded by Kotowski, 5 ayes, 2 abstentions. The **4/5/18** minutes, taken by Costa and Gast but not on the Drive, have not yet been reviewed. Gast will forward the notes she took at the meeting to Kotowski before August meeting.

**Reorganization of Google Drive Folders:** Abrams will follow up with Costa about standard folders and naming conventions. Some cleanup and/or renaming (to include subject matter) of photos may be undertaken. Other photos or maps may be deleted or archived.

**Marsh Woods Update:** We need to agree on names for the trails. Balanoff will mark the western boundaries. Trash must be collected and disposed; Mooney will talk with recycle center staff to see if they can assist with transport and disposal. Abrams will look for best route to connect Merriam-Daggett and Tasker, with setbacks from river and vernal pools. Invasives management, especially young plants near proposed marsh boardwalk, should be completed soon. Abrams suggested a Picture Post for the gravel pit area; the Picture Post would require a CUA, per email from Brooke Smart, NRCS. Abrams will call Mark West about timetable for trail CUAs and other permits and best trail routes.

**Strafford Regional Planning Commission 6/28 presentation:** Kotowski, Mooney, Kimball and Abrams attended the luncheon and trails presentation by SRPC in Rochester on 6/28. SRPC has a MapMyHike app towns can use to capture and post trail information. They also have a grant program we could apply for once permits are in hand. Lamprey River Advisory Committee grants are also available for this year. We could apply for funding for kiosks.

**Signage materials and resources:** Kotowski brought samples of corrugated plastic and vinyl sheets that could be cut for arrow signs. Kimball will take photos of free-standing posts she has seen in use in Maine for areas without trees and where digging holes is difficult or impossible. AMI Graphics in Center Strafford has been recommended as a local source of trail maps and signs on composite materials.

<https://amigraphics.com/>

Megaprint is another company that can print trail signs on composites or aluminum:

<https://www.megaprint.com/trail-signs.php>

Using signs/maps on posts would have lower cost than building kiosks. We may want to adopt some uniform sign conventions for our trails. The 8/1 Mulligan walk may be an opportunity to talk with SPNHF about parking lot and kiosk issues.

**Tools inventory:** Liz has taken photos of the tools she owns that could be used for trail creation and maintenance and posted them on the Drive. Members are encouraged to do the same.

**Schedule walk on Town Office Trail:** Possible date is Wed, 7/11, 10am, meet at Nottingham Youth Association building. No date was set for the Marsh Woods walk to hike the trails we didn't have time for on 6/30.

**Agenda items for next meeting:** Kotowski will invite Donna Danis, Selectboard member and chair of the Marston Property Exploratory Committee; and Kyle Pimentel, SRPC GIS expert, to speak at upcoming meetings.

**Adjourn:** Moved by Demeritt, seconded by Kimball, all in favor; the meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Submitted by Celia Abrams