

**Nottingham Conservation Commission
Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 7, 2019 – 6:30 PM
Nottingham Town Office, Conference Room #2**

1. Welcome and announcements (6:37 start)
 - a. Attendance: KC, JB, LK, CA, LG, SD
 - b. Upcoming Events:
 - i. Saving Special Places 4/6/2019 in Alton NH
 - ii. PLIA/NHDES Weed Watcher Training 4/6/2019
 - iii. Nottingham Earth Festival 9/21/2019
 - c. Town Happenings:
 - i. Dawn is leaving Nottingham for a new position elsewhere. Town website needs to be updated to include all meeting minutes, Trails Committee Members, Committee description, etc.
 - ii. Heather Iworsky will be stepping down from the NTC but asked to be considered for trail days
2. Marsh Woods Updates and Planning:
 - a. **Discussion:** NTC has a responsibility, as a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission, to respect plants/wildlife/water quality/heritage. Members need to get up to speed on permitting requirements.
 - b. **Trail Development:** NRCS Compatible Use Authorization status
 - i. Tasker lot trail: NRCS suggested stopping trail at the north end of the north pond; NTC prefers continuing trail further with potential signage - "Sensitive wildlife habitat. Please keep pets on leash."
 - c. **Concerns:** Forestry management plan and Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB) reviews (may report no endangered species, requires field verifying) performed in 2017; CA is inquiring if the NHB needs updating.
 - i. **Action:** Read forest management plans
 1. [Merriam Lot Forest Management Plan](#)
 2. [Tasker Lot Forest Management Plan](#)
 - d. **Plants & Wildlife:** Plan to assess vernal pools in April

- e. **Action:** Independent Compatible Use Authorization (CUA) needed for each lot
- 3. Mulligan Updates and Planning:
 - a. Report on the March 2 walk: Attendance for this meeting was good! Approximately 15 people. LK was the only NTC member in attendance. Kiosk has new map and tall vegetation has been cut.
 - b. **Plants & Wildlife signs:** Coyote, squirrel, weasel, skunk tracks?
- 4. Kennard Forest Updates and Planning:
 - a. **Trail Development:** DES permit/notification needed for trails and Natural Heritage Bureau assessment. Use [NEW orienteering map](#) (this is a draft) to identify wetland crossings.
 - b. **Action:** Plan to assess vernal pools in April (East Trail and more)
 - i. CA and KC to do plant survey in June.
 - ii. Plan trail maintenance when the snow melts.
- 5. Review and approve February minutes:
 - a. Motion to approve made by SD and seconded by CE. Unanimously approved (7:54)
- 6. Schedule walks and work days:
 - a. Tasker Bittersweet Blitz Day
 - b. Terninko Trail Walk on 3/30/2019 at 1:30 PM
 - c. Town Office Trails require chainsawing
- 7. Action Items
 - a. Schedule COMBO workshop and property assessment for Marsh Woods
 - b. KC to set up email forwarding for LK NTC account
 - c. Action Items for all properties:
 - i. [Heritage Bureau Reviews](#)
 - ii. [Wetland Crossings](#)
- 8. Adjourn (8:10)

Adjourned: Moved by KC, Seconded by SD, unanimously approved, at 8:10
Next meeting: Thursday, April 4, 2019– 6:30 PM, Conf. Room #2.

Submitted by: Krystal Costa

Approved: