

Nottingham Trails Committee

Thursday, January 11, 2018 – 6:30 PM (postponed from Jan 4 due to snow)

Nottingham Town Office, Conference Room #2

Welcome and introductions - The meeting came to order at 6:35 PM

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

Announcements: web page, contact list, committee email address, funding- 6:50

- Jonathan Balanoff- New NTC member, contact info added to our list. Jon has surveying and wetlands expertise.
- Stewardship Network: New England rebranded as Nature Groupie. Updates were made to the resources list to reflect such.
- Upcoming dates: Bear-Paw Kimball Forest Feb 10; Nottingham Earth Day May 12 (NCC and NTC booth)

Google folder tutorial – Krystal

- Demonstration, assisted by CM
- **Action Item:** KC to create step by step tutorial for committee members to reference when accessing Drive and propose ideas for organizing and naming our folders, documents, photos on Drive

Minutes and committee description – review and approve - 7:25

- Edits made directly, motioned to approve 12/7/17 minutes was accepted.

Inventory of conservation lands & class VI roads – Christian, Deb, Sue, Sam

- CM presented class VI roads, members discussed potential for walking trails, largely determined to be of minor value.
- Conservation lands explored, access ratings for several easements were found in need of updating.
- **Action Item:** CM to update access ratings info for Merriam-Daggett, Tasker, Terninko, etc. with group input

Terninko conservation easements and trails profile – Celia - 7:50

- Celia presented Terninko easements and discussed pre existing trails on two parcels. Third parcel is underway for easement and has potential for self-guided educational walk to vernal pools on the property. Concern expressed regarding sensitive plant species on the property, and ensuring that trails be designed accordingly.
- Terninko- well established existing trail loop. Eastern abutter to this easement has closed property to public access due to vandalism in the past; discussion regarding re-routing a section of the loop that currently goes onto this property to be entirely on the Terninko easement.
- **Action Item:** CA/SD to Contact abutting property owner, Brett Kelley

Next conservation property profiles - 8:10

- Mulligan - kiosk present but in need of repair or replacement.
- **Action Item:** LK will present a profile of the Howard Swain Memorial Forest at the next NTC meeting.
- **Action Item:** Planning a Tasker Property profile and walk - SM to take the lead
- *Everyone - Identify a property you'd like to investigate and present at an upcoming meeting or walk*

Schedule January walk (Jan 14, 20, 21?) – Jim

- **Decision:** Mulligan Forest - 1/21/18 @ 10am
 - [Coordinates HERE](#) to trailhead/parking
- **Action Item:** investigate access to Mulligan on Stevens Hill Rd -- is the parking lot cleared? Liz to follow up with the TO.

Grants available for trail projects in 2018 –

- LK introduced a brief overview. Cut short due to time constraints.
- **Action Item:** LK will follow up with the LRAC and the NH Recreational Trails Program on grants, and will upload information regarding available grants to the ["Grant"](#) folder in Drive. All Members to review available grants.
- **Action item:** SD talk with Chris Sterndale about getting account setup

Other & Upcoming

- Communicate with Bear-Paw (Dan Kern) re: Permission to plow parking lot across from town hall for winter access.
- LK will line up guests from SELT, Bear-Paw, Forest Society, and Nature Groupie for meetings

Meeting Adjourned - 8:30 Next meeting: Thursday, February 1, 2018 – 6:30 PM, Conf. Room #2