

**Nottingham Conservation Commission**  
**Trails Committee Minutes**  
**Thursday, November 1, 2018 – 6:30 PM**  
**Nottingham Town Office, Conference Room #2**  
*(including notes from the 10/13 and 10/20 workdays)*

Attending: Liz Kotowski, Celia Abrams, Susan Mooney, Sam Demeritt, Kortney Dorow, Deb Kimball, Jon Balanoff.

Welcome and announcements

- SD reminded us that the NHACC meeting is Saturday, 11/3, in Pembroke. NTC members can be reimbursed for registration fees and mileage through NCC affiliation. Krystal Costa is a presenter this year for the NH Lakes program. SD is attending. KD may be interested in future meetings for parks and recreation sessions.

Other

- Mark LeFebvre has offered to help with chainsaw work for the town office trail (CA note: some of the fallen trees are on the Noyes property and should not be removed without the owner's permission); Marsh Woods may also need his services.
- LK has renamed Drive Agenda and Minutes files to follow yyyy\_mm\_dd NTC Meeting Minutes/Agenda convention, so they will appear in chronological order using Name sort option.
- The NCC budget line for NTC will increase from \$150 to \$300 for 2019; equipment line will increase to \$200 and mapping to \$300, in anticipation of NTC use. KD has talked with Chris Sterndale about the \$540 raised for trails at Earth Day. The money has been put in a Rec Dept fund, and NTC project expenses can be submitted for reimbursement through the Rec Dept. In the proposed 2019 Planning Board Budget the Board included a sum of money for a clinometer that the Commission will be able to borrow if purchased.
- LK circulated the NTC contact list for updates.

William E. Kennard Forest 10/13 workday review

- *JB and CA walked the boundaries to create GPS waypoints and boundary lines. SM, SD and Mark LeFebvre worked on marking and clearing the loop trail and other trail improvements. LK and KC walked the new loop and sections of property east of the main trail. Interesting features were noted (cellar hole, ledges, pool, boulders) for phase 2 trail loop.*
- LK reported that Chris Sterndale said the town could deliver but not install a replacement culvert. We concurred that culvert permitting would be more complicated and we should measure the wet area and plan for a simple wooden span across the stream; CA offered rough-cut 2x8/2x10 hemlock for this or other purposes. Our priority should be to complete the existing trails (phase 1) by installing the stream crossing and putting up trail markers. Info from SPNH suggests exterior latex paint, semi-gloss, in white or yellow for trail marking (not red or blue – for forestry).

Marsh Woods 10/20 workday review

- *LK, CA, SM, SD, JB and KC worked on picking up trash; cutting limbs, shrubs and saplings; and doing minor grading as we walked some of the proposed trails. We came in via the red "Daggett Trail" and took the short-cut across the west pasture to the mill site, since JB and KC had not seen this part of the property. We stopped to pick up tires and bag trash from an old dump site near the*

*mill and left them at the site. From here we took the blue trail across the east pasture, then south to the Tasker Corner and proposed connector trail, doing additional clearing and grading on this section. We agreed to use the new route connector, which meets the 25' recommended setback from the river and avoids wet areas. We picked up Styrofoam and left it at the south end of the landfill for pickup by recycle center staff. We did not have time to go further into the Tasker parcel. We returned via the green "Turtle" return trail.*

- DK offered a narrow wheelbarrow to pick up and transport trash. We decided not to use the full east section of the yellow river loop below the mill in favor of using the blue east pasture trail and to have two branches of the "Turtle trail" north, which would join at a fork a short distance north of the Tasker Corner; one branch would connect to the west end of the river loop in the west pasture while the other would go to the oxbow. A short spur trail might be retained downstream from the mill to the river and the uplands bordering the floodplain forest.

#### Marston walk

- To be scheduled early winter. Liz put a copy of the Alteration of Terrain permit on the Drive and will try to get a copy of the application form to use as an example for other projects.

#### Helen Fernald (Pawtuckaway Woods) 10/2 walk

- LK and Naomi Houle from SPNHF did an easement monitoring walk, parking on the roadside near the NW corner and following Deerfield Rd and the Jim Fernald driveway for the north and east bounds, then walking west to where the Oak Trail from the Fundy boat launch comes to the property, exiting through the interior of the property (see map on Drive). A snowmobile trail previously traversed the property from the boat launch to the town beach, but this is no longer in use, perhaps because a bridge had been washed out for several years. LK suggested we might create a loop trail through the interior of the property, at respectful distance from the Jim Fernald driveway and house, that would join with the Oak Trail from PSP and include the black gum swamp near the west boundary.

#### Additional work dates

- JB and KC will work on flagging bounds for Marsh Woods after leaf fall and before spring.
- Marsh Woods, 9:30am, Sat 11/17; continue Tasker clearing, cleanup, maybe bittersweet removal.
- W.E. Kennard, 9:30am, Sun 11/25; measure for stream xing, blaze existing trails, walk new trail.
- Reminder from SD that deer rifle hunting starts 11/14

Minutes for October 4 were edited and (moved by DK, seconded by JB) unanimously approved.

Adjourned (moved by SM, seconded by SD) unanimously approved, at 8:05pm

Next meeting: Thursday, December 6, 2018– 6:30 PM, Conf. Room #2.

Submitted by Celia Abrams

Minutes approved 12/6/18