

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

1. Welcome and announcements (6:40 start)
 - a. Attendance: JB, LK, CA, KC, SM, LG, SD
2. William E. Kennard Forest update and planning
 - a. **Drive:** [NEW orienteering map](#) (draft) uploaded to the drive . This map includes 4 trails that are flagged on the property, geological features, and is aligned to magnetic north.
 - b. **Trail Development:** Plan to blaze all trails WHITE with a colored dot or symbol in the center. Example- White with blue dot for the main trail
 - c. **Action:**
 - i. Assess potential vernal pool on the stream/seasonal crossing off the East Trail in spring.
 - ii. Map Feedback:
 1. Remove “V” from the intersection of Main Trail and East Trail. Indicates a gravel pit that is no longer in the legend.
 2. Include an address on the map
 3. Cellar Hole Trail could be combined with the Main Trail. Remove cellar hole spur trail from the legend.
 4. Abutting landowners should be contacted regarding the “Other” trails that continue onto their properties.
3. Marsh Woods update and planning (7:30)
 - a. **Drive:** [New map](#) (draft) uploaded to the Drive includes four trails and identifies wetlands crossings. Trails have been slightly modified in respect to wet conditions.
 - b. **Historical Significance:** [Heavy metal blade](#) found on the property and determined by LG to be a planer blade, also known as a planer knife, used in a shingle mill. Historical write-up added to LG’s ongoing Mill History document.
 - c. **Trail Development:** Some bittersweet to be removed in the spring/early summer.
 - d. **Action:** Compatible Use Authorization (CUA)
4. Report on the Feb 3 MARSTON walk (7:40)

- a. **Plants & Wildlife signs:** snowshoe hare tracks, coyote tracks, grouse scat and feather, cinnabar polypore
- b. **Photos:** Uploaded to the Drive
- c. **Other:** Decaying roof found off the main trail. Spur Trail found on walk was identified as an access road from Mill Pond Rd from the Bonser property to the gravel pit with a portion of it on the Marston property.

5. Other properties

- a. Nothing to report

6. Review and approve January minutes (7:55)

- a. Motion to approve made by KC and seconded by SM. Unanimously approved (8:05)

7. Schedule walks and work days

- a. Kristen leading a Snowshoe walk (Tentatively planned for Mulligan) on 2/23 from 9-11am.
- b. Tentative walk planned for 3/3 TBD over email

8. Other

- a. **Organizational:** [Google Calendar](#) developed for the NTC to keep track of meetings, tasks and events.

Adjourned: Moved by KC, Seconded by SD, unanimously approved, at 8:10

Next meeting: Thursday, March 7– 6:30 PM, Conf. Room #2.

Submitted by: Krystal Costa

Approved: 3/7/2019