

Nottingham Trails Committee

Thursday, December 7, 2017 – 6:30 PM

Nottingham Town Office, Conference Room #2

Welcome and introductions in attendance

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

The Nottingham Trails Committee's purpose:

The Trails Committee (NTC) is a subcommittee of the Nottingham Conservation Commission (NCC). It was created in December 2017 to identify, map, and improve existing recreational trails in Nottingham. The committee will also explore opportunities for building new trails on conservation lands where public access is permitted. Maps and educational information will be posted on the town website so that residents can learn about ways to enjoy our town's outstanding natural resources.

Meetings will generally be held on the first Thursday of each month, beginning at 6:30 PM in Conference Room #2. The public is welcome to attend these meetings and is welcome to participate in activities such as trail work days.

Brainstorming Resources for NTC

- Budget--Can we include anything for trails from NCC budget—likely nothing but—maybe maps?
- Fundraising including grants. Prepared proposals to be approved by the NCC before submitting?
- Mail slot/correspondence – NCC slot
- File drawer for admin—We can provide a space in the back room file drawer.

Discussion 7:00pm

- Brief overview of Nottingham's conservation lands and existing trails
- Christian M operated the computer and showed us the NH Fish and Game topographic maps website and also shared the online interactive trails map from the Strafford Regional Planning Commission; Nottingham was blank
- Online mapping resources - looked at many parcels in Nottingham and abutting towns
- Need for spreadsheet of easements, other conservation lands, and Class VI roads, along with public access information
- Barrington, Lee, Deerfield and many other towns have uploaded their trails onto searchable sites for public use
- Monthly presentations: "adopt a property" - Everyone will research and present at a future meeting; will also invite guest speakers from other trails committees (Barrington, Deerfield) and land trusts (Bear-Paw, SELT, Forest Society)

Member Skills/Interests/Contributions

- Jim— Photography, writing, site walk coordination – Harvey property
- Christian— Mapping & analysis
- Heather—Trail maintenance, outreach and volunteer coordination, grants
- Krystal—Botany, wetland reconnaissance and mapping, trail maintenance, Conservation Commission alternate
- Liz -- Trail maintenance, recreation planning, grants, outreach, orienteering, Conservation Commission alternate
- Celia -- Botany, GPS mapping, water quality monitoring
- Sam -- Engineering; liaison with Bear-Paw, Lamprey River Watershed Association, NHDES, Conservation Commission Chair, and other groups
- Deb -- Water quality monitoring, sheep farmer, educator, Conservation Commission Vice-Chair
- Sue -- Science educator, easement monitoring, writing, Conservation Commission and Planning Board member
- Leanne -- Nottingham Historical Society member

Upcoming Member Tasks

- Jim will lead January walk on Harvey property (possibly property profile?)
- Celia will present a profile of the Terninko property at the next NTC meeting
- Christian will create an inventory of all conservation lands and Class VI roads in Nottingham
- Krystal will start up the Google folder. We will plan a 30-minute tutorial next meeting.
- Deb will follow up with Sue and Cheryl Re: Con easement inventory
- Liz will gather information on grants for the group

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm Next meeting: Thursday, January 4, 2018 – 6:30 PM, Conf. Room #2