



Gilmanton Conservation Commission

Trails Subcommittee Approved Meeting Minutes

2/6/24 @6:30pm Old Town Hall GIW

Attendees: Chris Schlegel, Frank Allen, Thomie Dombrowski, Lori Baldwin, Rob Baldwin, Nikita Twaalfhoven

Community Members: Mike Quinn, Guy Williams

Approve Jan. Minutes: Frank update/minutes amended and approved.

Action Item Updates:

Old Business

Jones Farm – Lori sent a letter (snail and email) and heard back. Taylors are anxious to work with us. Since they are maple producers, we will wait till their sugaring season is done. Lori to follow up. Frank shared aerial pics of the Loon Pond area.

All Trails. Rob created an account on All Trails, uploaded GPX file for Cogswell and still waiting to here back from All Trails admins about accepting / publishing the map.

Cogswell History Update. Lori is working with Carolyn Baldwin. No updates at this time.

Blue Line Extension Frank and Rich hiked possible route down from Cogswell. Parallel with Yellow Trail. Features: streams, rock faces, ledge, vernal pool. No significant crossings (maybe small foot bridge made with materials on site). No additional overlooks (no new clearing). The trail is a traverse (not a climb). Additional saddle option for little more adventurous hikers. Frank as the landowner gave approval for the new trail.

Frisky Hill Vista [Thomie and Guy] Rich, Guy and Thomie cleared debris. Report that the view is much more open view. Catches the late light. Good location for a bench (flat landing).

New Business:

Review GCC Bylaws

- Discussed absences. (without advance notices)

Bags to Benches.

Frank provided some details. Soft plastics. Frank, working with Lions Club and Laconia Universalists Unitarian church, collecting soft plastics (e.g. bags) then deliver to Trex to exchange for bench. How many pounds/tons of plastic for a single bench (minimum of 500 lbs on 6 months). [Guy] Perhaps we could funnel through an existing program. [Chris] Greenhouse. [Guy] Marinas. Boat wrap an option? Frank to check with UUSL for a partnership and work with Chris.

<https://www.concordmonitor.com/Communities-awarded-benches-for-plastic-film-recycling-52100576>

Budget: Closing out 2023

- Budget submitted with spreadsheet that was approved for \$6k. Cogswell, Urner and Jones/Tasse.
- \$4,019 spent in 2023.
- \$1,980 residual (which was what we had roughly estimated for Jones/Tasse that wasn't done in 2023).
- 3 partners for Kiosk at Urner/Barn Trail (Land Trust, GCC, Historical Society)
- **2024**
 - [Thomie] suggests we go with \$6,000 again for 2024.
 - Will keep the same 2023 line items for Tasse
 - [Rich] Submitted some budget ideas for Cogswell & Tasse. Frank would like to 'pause' on additional clearing on East Peak
 - [Thomie] Finding that prison industries signs are significantly more expensive than finding signage online. Thomie to look into it.
 - Possible water fix on Cogswell yellow trail (see general discussion below)
 - Purchase some tools? [Nikita] Can we add \$ buffer for the purchase of some tools?

Schedule Workdays

- Public workdays
 - 1 day/month?
 - Some people shared that they work on the trails independent of the work days.
 - Thomie suggested we table discussion of scheduling public workdays to the next meeting (March)

Events

- Cogswell Full Moon Hike on February 25th
 - Post on Facebook as non-sanctioned walk (does that eliminate the liability?)
 - Keep informal?
 - Lori to reach out to Bri to see if we can add some language to mitigate liability.
 - Don't want to force people to fill out forms
 - Lori, Nikita & Chris to work on how to post the event
- Earth Day. April 20.
 - Need to reach out to the energy committee (Lori) Chris will discuss with the GYRLA

General Discussion

- [Chris] **Cogswell**. On yellow trail junction near Red Trail junction. May need to assess. Frank thinks it's on his side of the wall. Is not a stream. Just collects from human made depression (not natural). May need to consult BRATT manual for options.

Board Vacancy

Open positions. Nikita took over Eric's vacancy. Derek's post on the subcommittee ends in March. Guy voiced interest. Will make nomination at the March meeting.

- Meeting Adjourned at 7:45

