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## **Gilmanston Conservation Commission**

### **Trails Subcommittee November Meeting Minutes**

**11/7/2023 @6:30pm Old Town Hall GIW**

**Members Present:** Chris Schlegel, Thomie Dombrowski, Frank Allen, Nikita Twaalfhoven, Rob Baldwin, Lori Baldwin.

**Community Members:** Rich Maher, Guy Williams

Meeting called to order at 6:38PM

Move to Accept the minutes from October 2023 meeting. Thomie moves to accept. Nikita seconds. All in favor.

**Hike Event Debrief:** Thomie: Did not need to take people out in groups. Trails self-explanatory. Should consider a booklet at the starting point to sign in and provide feedback. Exit survey.

- Instructed folks to be cognizant of the blazing and provide feedback on effectiveness.
  - Chris: One person came back and shared that there was one spot where an additional blaze would have helped.
  - Lori: People working the tent were engaged. Agrees that a written/formal survey would help.
  - Chris: Suggested a trail register (sign-in/sign-out)
  - Frank: one suggestion is how to keep track of hikers.
  - Booklet on a box/clipboard near kiosk
  - Could the QR Code have a ticker to know how many folks were searching on it?
  - Land Trust thought we were doing guided hikes, but it was really 'by request'.
  - Guided walk provided good opportunity to discuss land conversation and other topic.
  - Provided option for group hike (doesn't have to be worded as 'guided')
  - Feedback from Gilmanston Land Trust was that they really appreciated the opportunity to bring people together. Very synergistic.
- Lori posted/ publicizing the event on many sites

**Board Elections Update:** Nikita is sworn in! Rob term renewed

#### **Cogswell Map Updates**

- Thomie will complete the map updates in the next month or two. 2 maps. One with no trails. Description of easements. Boundaries and contours only for Conservation Commission. 2<sup>nd</sup> map will include the maps. Rich and Thomie teamed up to design new trail map. Moving the keys. Incorporating input from various members input. Will provide a draft.

- Rich input included moving the key and providing a zoom-out element that showed snowmobile trails. Turn a few degrees to have it face North (up)
- Rich: Provides update with extraneous verbiage edited
- Thomie will have this as a winter project since he is learning how to use PhotoShop.
- Can Jay Reed provide the original map files?
- Nikita offered to assist Thomie with Photoshop
- Rich presents alterations in verbiage on the conservation map
- Should we have the sum and the segments? The consensus is yes.
- Discussion on parking at GYRLA
- Thomie makes a motion to adopt new language and Nikita seconds. All in favor.

**New Business:** No meeting in December (holiday recess)

- Lori will notify Brie that we're not meeting in December.
- Final list of Cogswell tasks
- mapping out Lou Lane. Identified some spurs that would make good trail options.
- Gary Ambelas to work on that in the Spring to work on mitigating the water.
- Lori: Gary looking to build a plan/road to landing for timber harvest.
- Thomie let him know that it's a clogged or busted culvert.
- Nikita asked about where the culvert is located. Thomie described location. Only an 8" culvert; so easily clogged.
- Maybe could borrow a trash pump to blast out the culvert.
- Thomie investigating trail from beginning of Gary's property and on left hand side could get over to second peak on Cogswell.
- Nikita indicates on map where there's a house right on the edge of the second peak which is on the border of the conservation land
- Lot's more we could do to expand trails on Cogswell, but we need to get over Jones Farm
- Cogswell Winter Hike / Seasonal Conservational Hike
  - Nikita: encourage others on our FB pages to post when they may be going on hikes in order to promote self-organization.
  - Explore options for use of Facebook pages/sites where we could highlight specific trail systems within the GRTT family but try to keep under umbrella of Gilmanton Conservation Commission Trails Subcommittee
- Jones Farm / Tasse Conservation easement.
  - Frank to get SPNHF info on the latest monitoring report.
  - Frank has photos / aerial views of Jones/Tasse
- Rob moved to adjourn the meeting. Thomie seconds, all in favor. **7:48 PM**

