

Gilmanton Conservation Commission
Trails Subcommittee Agenda
2/1/2022 @18:30, Old Town Hall GIW
Approved Minutes

Those Present:

Lori Baldwin, Chair
Soren Denlinger, Co-Chair
Megan Hartnett, Secretary
Rob Baldwin, Member
Derek Collquhoun, Member
Eric Greenfield, Member
Fuzz Freese, GLT liaison
Frank Allen, Community Member

Meeting Commence 18:39

1. Approve meeting minutes
 - a. Soren motions to approve, approved 7-0
2. Action Items Report
 - a. Joe Urner Map
 - i. Updates done, Lori motion to approve, approved 7-0
 - ii. Action Item: Soren will forward to Ron O. for GCC FB posting**
 - b. School Contact
 - i. Received feedback from the school about Cogswell repairs
 1. Bridges and multi-flora rose at beginning of trail
 2. Update kiosk map
 3. Muddy area at stream crossing
 4. Mowing / pruning of trail during the summer
 5. Add formal trail to Five-Acre field
3. Cogswell Trail Work
 - a. Identify Projects in order of priority
 - i. Beaver Pond Loop
 1. Replace three bog bridges before kiosk
 2. Cleanup multiflora rose / other invasive plants
 3. Bypass wetland after kiosk directly to snowmobile trail or bridge
 4. Update kiosk- map, safety information, repaint, minor maintenance
 5. Manage wetlands near beaver pond
 6. Add traction to beaver pond platform
 - ii. Wetlands near beaver pond – re-route?
 - iii. One-way trail to Cogswell Peak
 1. Widen trail and clear summit
 2. Expand viewpoint (spur trails to viewpoints?)

- 3. Signage to denote beginning and end of trail
 - 4. Update picnic table
 - iv. Re-do Frank Allen Tract – ideally not following old road
 - 1. Proposal to add a small trail to meet up with old trail and loop back to main trail
- b. Identify # of volunteers needed for each project
 - i. Tabled until further notice
- c. Identify and list types of signs and possible vendors
 - i. Date for walkthrough: *February 19 @ 12pm*
 - ii. **Action Item: Identify vendors for sign-making (Budget \$5k)**
 - 1. NH Department of Corrections
 - 2. Adels in Gilmanton
 - iii. Create a master map with key of sign location
 - iv. Sign types
 - 1. Trail markers or paint blazes
 - 2. Trail name signs (e.g. Beaver loop)
 - 3. Safety Signs (the state / Fish & Game can provide these)
 - a. BCCD, Cooperative Extension, UNH, Snowmobile Club, Fish & Game can help
- 4. Trail conservation considerations: <https://naturegroupie.org/training-guides>
 - a. Standard margins for corridor of destruction for wildlife
 - i. NRI can be used to aide in safe trail planning
 - b. Informational Guides on Leading a Workday, Nature Walks, Trail-building
 - c. Can publish workdays to solicit volunteers
- 5. Co-Chair
 - a. Soren is moving to Maine, we need a new co-chair
 - b. Tabled until March meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 20:01