



Gilmanton Conservation Commission
Trails Subcommittee Approved Minutes
5/02/2023 @6:30pm Old Town Hall GIW

Attendees: Rich Maher, Mark & Cyndi Paulin, Derek Colquhoun, Chris Schlegel, Thomie Dombrowski, Rob Baldwin, Frank Allen, Fuzz Freese, Lori Baldwin

We welcome our new volunteers Cyndi & Mark Paulin. They came to Earth Day event & signed-up.

April minutes approved: Rob B. moves to approve minutes. Thomie D seconds. Unanimously passed.

Action Item Updates:

- **Organization Email Address:** GRTT@gilmantonnh.org
- Volunteer sign-up and waiver form created.
- Brie uploading form for electronic submission on town website.
 - Location of form TBD
 - QR to form to add to trail kiosks.
- Lori attended GCC meeting. Submitted project budget was approved.
- Discussion on Kiosk design for Urner
 - 3-sided like Cogswell kiosk
 - Glass? Probably not. Simple good
 - Laminated signs / maps
 - Commission a kiosk design study headed by Rich M.
 - Rich to do some research / take pictures of some kiosks around Concord
 - Fuzz: forest service – plain board, laminated signs, tack on
 - Shingled roof? Preferred to match the Howe Barn
 - Begin work in June/early July. Target to have up by July 29 for Farm and Flax Event
 - Lots of resources available on-line
 - [trailhead-kiosks-2012-update-to-th-bulletinboards.pdf \(appalachiantrail.org\)](https://www.appalachiantrail.org/trailhead-kiosks-2012-update-to-th-bulletinboards.pdf)
- Derek inquiring if there's been feedback about the Urner trail
- Lori: Waiting to hear back from Jake Bronnenberg about chainsaw safety class
- Recreational Trail Program Grant update
 - May 17th Rich, Thomie and Rob will attend.
 - New website for grant info/announcement: [NH State Parks - Recreational Trails Program](#)

Schedule work days:

- BRATTS [Belknap Range Trail Tenders: Work Days 5/13, 6/3, 6/24, 7/15](#)
- Chris has Saturday's off. But after June may be able to get additional days off
- Meet on 3rd Saturday of the month. Except in August.

- Continue with Wednesday's 9-12 beginning 5/10. Will use this first outing to scout the loop for the East Summit
 - Proposal to use field/direct route up
 - Loop to old snowmobile trail to intersect with existing West summit trail
- Cogswell is the focus.
- Bring gloves/water bottle.
- Always have additional work items in mind if extra volunteers attend.
- East peak will represent a lot of work. Great for new volunteers.
- **Work Day Schedule/Summer** Will add dates for Sept-Oct
 - Weekly: Wednesday's 9-12 Beg. 5/10**
 - Monthly Schedule: Saturday's Lunch break 11:30-12**
 - **May 20th 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**
 - **June 17th 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**
 - **July 15th 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**
 - **August 26th 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**
 - **Notification through GCC, Gilmanston Comm. & Crystal Lake FB Pages. FB Event (BRATTS Model) Lori**

Work day Protocols:

- “Go Pack” incl. 3 items: 1st aid kit, Volunteer/Release form & Log for names of attendees.
- Demonstrate 3-4 core maintenance practices for new volunteers.
- Trail width & height clearances should visualize sheet of plywood (4x8) walking down the trail
- Resource
 - [stelprdb5343897.pdf \(usda.gov\)](#)

Trail Tending Manual: Group review & edit.

- Lori will email the guide
- Will use Google Docs to facilitate collaboration. Complete and adopt by June 6th meeting.

Eat Cookies! Random reminders!

Adjourn meeting at 7:34 PM – All approved !