



Gilmanton Conservation Commission
Approved Trails Subcommittee Minutes
7/05/2023 @6:30pm Old Town Hall GIW

Attendees: Chris Schlegel, Rob Baldwin, Frank Allen, Lori Baldwin, Rich Maher.

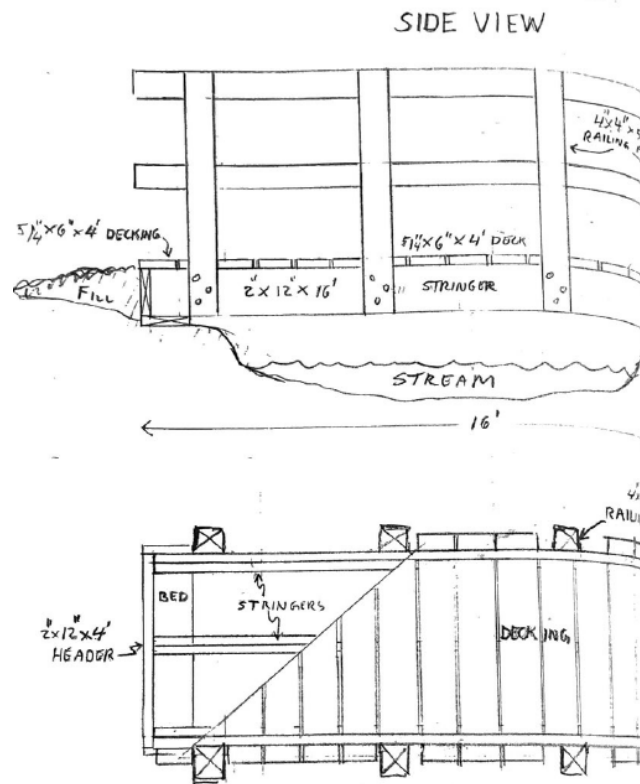
Motion to approve the June meeting minutes. Seconded and approved.

Action Item Updates:

- Cogswell East Summit Trail Updates
 - Ron Klemarczyk to begin work on the East Summit on July 10
 - Need to preview route/are of clearing with Frank prior to July 10
 - Sunday, July 9 East Summit hike
 - Will meet to hike at 9AM (rain in the forecast)
 - Will hike the route Ron would take from Frank's place
 - Will keep the snag in the center of the East Summit
 - Secord Rd at create of hill only driveway on the left onto a meadow and will see house and barn.
 - Chris suggested removal of trees at the head of the Cogswell trail
 - Recommended by Rob K
 - Chris to engage library board to get their agreement since it's GYRLA land.
 - Rich suggested taking down the high grass at the head of the Cogswell Trail.
 - Chris to ask Colby Clark (current landscaper) to add this to his routine.
 - Cogswell View Recollections
 - Lori to send picture of Liza Evans, Sarah Thorne & Frank view that she referred to in the meeting.



- Name of trail discussion
 - Should have 'East Summit' in name. E.g. '**Lady Slipper Trail to East Summit**' (suggestion from Frank)
 - Connector trails would have names.
- Blazing & Signage
 - Need to choose a color.
 - Suggestion to blaze on Wednesday, July 19
 - Rich: engage prison industries for more trail signs (generally 3 weeks to complete signs)
 - From Beaver pond, right-hand sign, etc.
- Bridge over Brook
 - Need to describe to where the bridge would be to Frank. Can show on the Sunday, July 9
 - \$660 in budget for plank walk
 - This bridge will be more expensive than \$660
 - May be able to pull funds from other allocations to have proper bridge construction over water.



TOP VIEW



Trail Updates:

- July 12th Wednesday work-day - Cogswell
- July work-day: Saturday, July 15 - Cogswell
 - Frank and Chris may not make it to July 15th

- Flax Event Planning/Prep – Event July 29th
 - Wednesday July 26 Work Day.
 - Urner Trail Update
 - Suggested to cut trail in field to Urner trail. Current path slopes too steeply.
 - Weed wack at the head of the Urner trail.
 - Perhaps take some of the lower branches with a pole saw.
 - Feedback from Rich is that the trail may not be visible enough at the Meetinghouse Pond area. Needs trimming. Perhaps more blazing
- Howe Conservation Area
 - Kiosk update
 - Sam working on the project starting 07/08
 - Target installation a week later 07/15
- **New Business & Action**
 - Board vacancy
 - Eric Greenfield preparing to tender resignation.
 - Need nominees for consideration.
 - Will target August for new board member considerations.
 - Lori to research with town/by-laws if being down a board member is ok for any amount of time while we seek a new member.
 - Thomie would like Nikita to be considered for vacancy on trails committee.
 - Nikita in the Netherlands. Lori will talk to her.
 - August meeting
 - Will be held on Tuesday, August 2
 - Thomie and Rob to engage Nate Taylor about Jones Farm trails.