



## **Approved - Gilmanton Conservation Commission - Trails Subcommittee Minutes**

**9/5/2023 @6:30pm Old Town Hall GIW**

Roll Call: Members: Frank Allen, Thomie Dombrowski, Chris Schlegel, Lori Baldwin, Rob Baldwin.  
Absent: Derek Colquhoun

Community Members: Rich Maher, Mike Stetttenbenz & Nikita Twaalfhoven

Approve August minutes: Approved with amendments:

- Include last names in Roll call/attendees.
- Include reference to Frank's parents for requesting permission to weed whack.

### **Action Item Updates / Trail Updates:**

- Board elections: Frank and Rob are in. Frank has submitted his oath. Rob still needs to submit his.
- Urner map. Kristie Owens agreed to create birdseye view map.
- GRTT work day went well. Need more active volunteers.
- Cogswell: East/West Peak Saddle discussion. Thomie suggested using pines we cut from clearing to create a 'natural bridge' across the wet area in the saddle.
- GRITT work day. Scheduled work day on saddle: 09/17 9:00 AM.
- Possibility of a couple new posts on Cogswell. [Rich]. Red trail descending somewhat disoriented.
  - Sign: Library (left), Cogswell (right)
  - 2 signs that say: 'to Library' in close proximity. We can remove the one coming down from East Peak [Rich]

The East Peak needs a few more blue blazes

- Yellow sign with arrow going nowhere. Thomie to talk to Paul about if this sign can be removed.
- Should we have Ron K. come back to do more clearing on East Peak? Inquiry to Frank to consider cutting in further to expand the view of Belknap Range. Just need Frank's approval. Rich and Frank to zip up to East Peak and lay our taped boarder for proposed additional clearing. They will organize timing independently.
- East Peak – Ron K suggested that we clear some of the old deadfall in the woods at the peak to provide a shaded area.
- Barbed wire to be removed on blue trail above the bridge in wet area.
- Group agreed to keep the trail names 'functional' (East Peak, West Peak trail, etc)

- Thomie to grab another post from Howe Barn
- Budget
  - Lori to collect receipts for reimbursement
  - Waiting for Ron K to submit bill for 2 clearing sessions.

#### **New Business:**

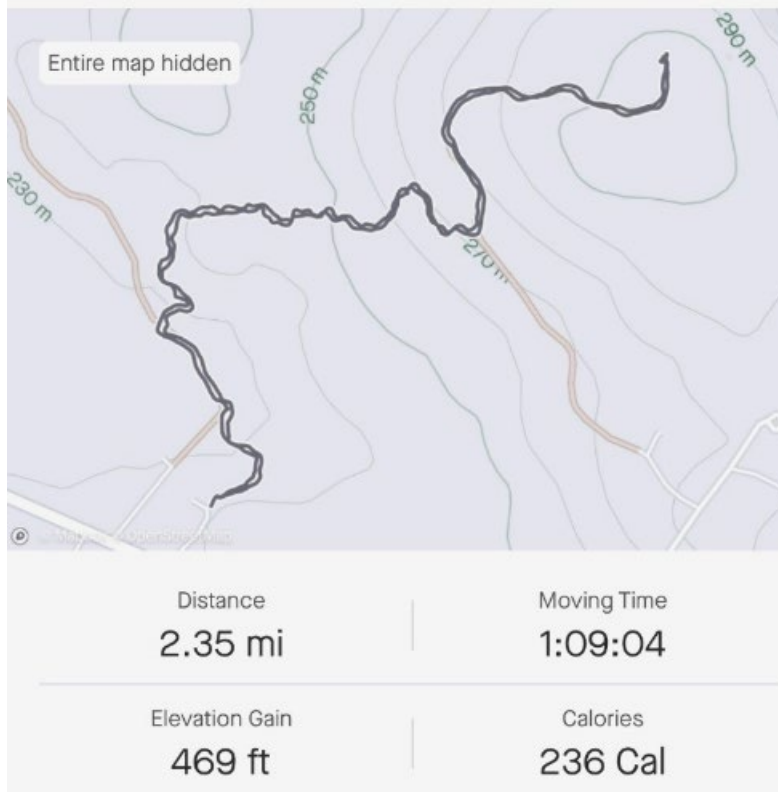
- **October GRTT Cogswell Event planning**
  - Cogswell / GYRLA Trail Day Grand Opening
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in October. **10/21/2023 proposed**
  - **Objective to have saddle trail complete by 10/21/23**
  - Check to see if Farmer's Market still underway that date.
  - Guided GRITT hike/s up Cogswell
  - Non-profits / Community organizations to have a table available with info for interested folks. This idea was discussed and consensus was that bringing all Gilmanton non-profits to an event on 10/21/23 was a good idea but may not be enough time for GYRLA to get all groups organized.
  - Thomie to get additional mapping data to Soren (adding blue and yellow)
  - Lori to create QR
  - Lou Lane Discussion
    - Nikita described the extent of the wet area
    - Discussion about what Gary wants in terms of access
    - Gary prefer single track only
    - Lori will contact Gary Ambelas to organize a walk through

**Motion to adjourn at 7:36**

## Map references

[Link to GPX data provided by Thomie](#)





**Blue Trail (up and back)**



Snip from Tax map and Lou Lane

<https://next.axisgis.com/GilmantonNH/>