

Gilmanton Conservation Commission

Trails Subcommittee Agenda

06/07/2022 @ 18:30 Old Town Hall GIW

Approved Minutes

Roster:

Lori Baldwin
Thomie Dombrowski
Frank Allen
Rob Baldwin
Rich Maher
Derek Colquhoun
Eric Greenfield

1. Approve meeting minutes 05/03/2022

- a. Thomie motion to approve

2. Active Trail Work

a. Cog Summit Work

- i. Regulars: Tomie, Rich, Robert Dawson, Paula, Mike Hill, Lori Baldwin & Gary Ambelas
 - 3 sessions before rained out 4th session
- ii. Frisky Hill View Site
 - Thomie; 80% complete, needs another 90 minutes to complete
 - 150 yards to left of summit is view
- iii. Several more sessions to complete the summit
 - Thomie: we need to take it down somewhat further to get the view
 - With leaves out, difficult to tell view
 - Rich: may be ongoing to get full view
 - Gary continues to be engaged
 - a. Rich: Gary and Tom Howe had walked the trails and discussed various options
 - Lori: Long game to complete the Crystal Lake view
- iv. Eric: Requesting a wagon / cart / we can use to remove the old picnic table/s. Need tools to disassemble (carriage bolts)
- v. Thomie: Work left to do is short cut prior to wet area
 - Potential to hit that on 06/08/2022
 - Eric: Proposed signage. Walmart, \$.99. Quick and dirty signage. Temporary
 - Lori: Need a final walk through for signage
 - Lori: Asked Rich to report on bridges and plank walks
- vi. Rich: Constructed (partial on site and partial at his home) 3 plank walks at the beginning of the trail system. With 3 people was able to transport the 1st three

plank walks. But with additional plank walks, will have to move in sections. Rich still awaiting payment for 1st three plank walk materials. Has a yard of gravel.

- Thomie: how will we handle the bridge logistics? Rich: will measure/build to terrain

Lori: Counts 6 action items:

1. Wood chips
2. Kiosk
3. Signage
4. Bridges
5. Map

- **06/08/2022 Cog Work Day**

- Focus on upper section wet spot reroute

b. Urner Trail

- i. Thomie: Should we finish Urner trail bridge(s) before we continue on Cogswell?
- ii. July 23rd Flax & Farm Day
 - Collaboration with GCC and GHS
 - Urner trail will be open
 - a. Could someone from conservation commission volunteer to guide?
 - b. Need to complete bridge for this
 - c. Significant blow-down over the trail (LARGE trees)
 - d. Pat Hackley (Vice Chair & Forester) has been notified
 - i. Should be discussed at next CC meeting
 - ii. Rick suggests a detour
 1. We should wait for CC to make a decision before we consider alternate route
 - Filled Frank in on background of Urner Trail/Howe Barn
 - Large maple (?) in the retting pond that will need to be removed before Flax & Farm Day

3. New Trail Work

- a. **Jones Farm Trail** planning: contact w/owners
 - i. Bigfoot Farm (Owners: Taylor)
 - Save for July meeting to discuss/begin executing on the work
 - ii. Rich: How big is the brush we need to cut?
 - Brush cutter
 - 100 yards of low / wet
 - Action
 - a. Walk trail prior to meeting with owners
 - b. Review language in easement relative to trail/trail encroachment.

4. Safety Guidelines for Trail Work

- First aid kit
- Gary gave permission for people to use chainsaws
- Last time there, Mike was hit by tree (no hard hat)

- working alone
- Buddy system
- Hard hat
- Chaps
- Who is first aid and CPR certified?
- Stretching before hand
- Eric suggested use of brochure
- Lori makes motion:
 - i. First Aid
 - ii. Hard Hat and Chaps with Chainsaw
 - iii. Buddy system/don't work alone with chainsaw/make space
 - iv. Frank: Makes counter-motion: If work on trail with chainsaw for work associated with Trails commission. Rob seconds. All in favor. Passed.
- HELP: Hazard, Escape, Lean, Plan
- Can our forester teach the chainsaw cert course?
 - i. Rich: two levels of courses: trails committee & large timber work

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM