

## GCC Trails Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

**10/4/2022 @6:30pm Old Town Hall GIW**

### Approved Minutes

### Action items in yellow

Present: Lori Baldwin, Rob Baldwin, Thomie Dombrowski, Eric Greenfield, Frank Allen, Rich Maher, Gary Ambelas, Chris Schlegel.

1. Approved meeting minutes 9/6/22

2. Trail Updates:

Cogswell Trail-Completed work: Blazing, kiosk, maps-sm. & large and metal "Hiking" signs placed. QR Code at the Beaver Pond loop Recalibrated / verified QR reading

Remaining tasks: Placing (5) Posts & Signs, Cogswell history & Summit clearing.

Summit clearing considerations: Thomie & Rich expressed the need to outsource the summit view.

Gary Ambelas has offered to pick up the cost. Rich Maher suggested we split the cost. Thomie made a motion to reach out to Ron K to see if he's willing to clear the summit. Rob 2<sup>nd</sup> all voted yes. Gary suggested Mike Palladino as a recommended back up. Gary will provide permission and will provide contact information. From summit could we develop trails on the East and West side

**Action: Lori will respond back to Ron Klemarzak on original email thread**

- Are there other aspect points on property for access?
  - Snowmobile trails access to 'snack shack'. Could Ron (or whoever) get access from either Perkins Rd. Gary knows the owners and can engage for access.
  - Can access from spur off Perkins Rd. Gary can get access through the spur.
  - 20-foot strip by library to access from library side. Gary has a right of way through that strip of land.
  - Osborne property to snack shack might be an option
- New Business for Cogswell
  - Rich tramped the area towards Secord Rd to 'Franks Mountain'
  - Frank acquired this land following an attempted development that was stopped by town.

- Frank maintains the 'road' to the summit
- Frank grants permission to explore additional trail/loop connector
- Lou Lane access. Gary has been looking to improve Lou Lane. Gary owns the first 50 ft of trail at the beginning of Lou Lane.
- Gary: If looking for new trail options; could extend what's known as Lou Lane all the way to second summit.

### 3. Update GYRLA & GES Communication-Lori & Rich & Rob

- On 09/20, the 3 of us met with GYRLA Board & GES reps Erin Hollingworth & school principal. All parties were pleased to see the updates and look forward to incorporating the trail system into their programming.

### 4. Update process for trail monitoring-Thomie & Lori

- Thomie found that monitoring guidelines vary depending on land usage
- Will submit to SPNHF best as we can and get feedback
- Conversation lands monitoring report
- Before walk/on walk/after walk template
- Lot of detail to collect
- Should we press SPNHF on how we / if we need to be trained
- AND
- 'Why are we / are we doing SPNHF work
- 5 Rivers has a training program. Should consider training to handle defects, violations, engagement with landowners or other 'bystanders'
- What is the driver for performing / collecting trails reports?  
What are we liable for?  
Does trail report becomes a legal document?
- Action: Lori to engage GCC for more details on what's expected

### 5. Update on board opening to replace Meghan-Rich

- Erin Hollingworth? May have too many responsibilities. Need to confirm.
- Nomination of Chris Shlegel for a board position by Thomie

- Can commit to making the meetings
- Frank Seconds
- All in favor for Chris
- Lori to send GCC recommendation
- Chris to complete 'oath' when Selectmen approve her nomination.

Motion to adjourn, seconded. 7:46pm