

Gilmanton Conservation Commission
Approved Trails Subcommittee Minutes
11/1/2022 @6:30pm Old Town Hall GIW

1. Approve meeting minutes 10/4/22

- Approved with Rich's suggestion that we add 'Trails Subcommittee to minutes.
- 20 ft strip. Did Gary say he owns that strip? Yes.
- Motion to approve: Thomie, Rob Seconds. All in favor.

2. Elections to re-appoint Rob B & Thomie D

- Converting from one year to 3 year terms
- Thomie nominated. Discussion.
 - The ayes have it
- Rob nominated. Discussion.
 - With secretary role. The Ayes have it.

3. Trail Updates:

Cogswell Trail-Completed work

- Rich and Thomie dug five holes, placed posts for signs
- Signs completed and installed.

New trail development on Cogswell


- Investigating alternative routes to the Cogswell East Summit
- Rich investigated route from west but encountered water, so had to veer back to existing road/trail. He did discover an alternative route from the East peak that comes out at the red trail. Frank and Rich to walk the trail to East Cog on Saturday, November 5. 11:00 AM for East Peak

Summit Update

- Ron Klemarczyk available for summit work on Monday, November 14
- How will we access?
 - Perkins road may be most efficient way to access
 - Need to walk through Perkins access to confirm it's viable
 - Planning to extent the Saturday, November 5. 9:00 AM for Perkins access hike to investigate Perkins Rd

- Since this will benefit snowmobiling as well (view), can we engage Snowmobile Association for assistance/vehicle/4-wheeler

Action Item: Digital trail map to post on kiosk as alt.to paper

- Derek: [All Trails?](#)
- Digital trail maps using QR code
 
- Frank referred to web site for creating QR code
 - <https://www.qrcode-monkey.com/>
 - Example: *(try this with your camera Lori)*
 - Need to get our maps uploaded to the GCC web site
- Contact for reporting trail issues/trail monitoring
- Lori to engage Bre for permission to use her as primary contact for trail issues reported from the public

3. Update on Trail Monitoring-Lori & Thomie

- Thomie went on a trail monitoring hike on 2 separate trails. The amount of info Thomie had given for Cogs trails was about the same as what was collected on the hike (i.e. boundary markers)
- Owners were not on the walk, but they were alerted that there was a monitor hike and informed if there was anything amiss on the trail
- Thomie submitted Cogswell monitors report to Bre
- SPNF info about our trail
 - Thomie: we should not do SPNFs work. We should provide the basic monitoring info
 - Bill Foster has already done many of the things that SPNF does
 - We won't go above and beyond unless we're specifically engaged by CC for help

5. Action Items: Outreach to Community to "Launch" Cogswell Trail

Social Media Plan:

- Conservation Commission
 - Statement on website and FB page
 - Ron O'Connor
- Year Round Library
- Crystal Lake FB page
- Press Release: Laconia Daily Sun? Serena
 - Lori to be interviewed by Serena

- Lori to engage Serena to hike on Saturday and do the interview
 - Talking points:
 - Non-motorized
 - Include QR code to maps
 - Link to where volunteers can sign up
 - Upcoming projects
 - Try to coordinate Serena's reporting visit with a community event at the trails
 - Coordinate with Erin Hollingsworth(?) for a day off family hike event. Kris (sp?) and Lori to coordinate.
 - Need to pick a date. Maybe on the November monthly hike.
- Derek shared that 'AllTrails' had posted 5 stars
 - <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/new-hampshire/main-and-cogswell-mountain-trail>
- Little prep needed before rolling our press release
 - [Thomie] Some feedback was that we should blaze a couple trees that indicate turn to the left after the double bridge/stone wall section over the stream. Couple hikers (Frank and Cathy actually took a right there and headed to the field...)

Gather group of photos:

- Board members/volunteers to send Lori trail photos
- Connect Frank with Bre to upload videos

Draft press release:

- Lori to start a draft and pass it around the GCC Trails Sub-Committee to get feedback.

Distribution: GCC-FB Page/Website/Community FB Page/Belknap trail site,

6. New member status: Chris Schlegel Selectmen will view request on Nov. 7th

Rich – Additional business

- Start compiling list of top 10 trail targets from all the trail possibilities in Gilmanton
- Frank's parent's property on Middle Route to Smither's forest
 - Walch pond
- Frank started to do some work on this trail
- Adjourned at 7:50 PM