

Gilmanton Conservation Commission
Trails Subcommittee February Approved Meeting Minutes

2/07/2023 @6:30pm Old Town Hall GIW

In Attendance: Rob & Lori Baldwin, Eric Greenfield, Thomie Dombrowski, Chris Schlegel & Frank Allen

Approve December Minutes: Motion to approve and seconded all in favor

Review Action Items

Action from December meeting (can be moved to March meeting)

- **Cogswell Summit**
 - **Action:** Contact fire Dept of large amount of brush in one spot. Not to move it, but to make fire department aware:
 - **Action:** follow up with Ron regarding brush debris
 - **Action:** Remaining brush work
 - Only a problem for 3-4 years
 - Remaining work; 2 people, 1-2 hours
 - And 1-2 hours of clean up at summit (around old picnic table)
 - **Action:** Spring – Vote to decide if need to trim (2) trees that could obstruct view as the leaves come in
 - Bench location identified, facing SE toward Prospect Mt. Nice, secluded area
 - **Action:** Engage Gary about dedication (Tom Howe??)

Chainsaw safety training Frank updated:

- a. **No regular classes, but they do have some resources available to provide a training session**
- b. **Payment didn't come up in the conversation**
- c. **Lori states that town will cover expenses**
- d. **Program Director: Cheri Birch NHTOA.COM**
 - **Action:** Tommie to engage Jake about certification
- **Rich: Public input Action:** Lori to engage Mark Warren about non-voting tax payer policy of subcommittees
- **Proposed 2023 Project Budget**

Estimated Cost	Project	Trail	Source of Funds?	Budget Year
\$ 660	Plank Walk	Cogswell		2023
\$ 500	Summit Tree Work	Cogswell		2023
\$ 2,500	East Summit Clearing	Cogswell		2023
\$ 1,500	Kiosk Construction	Urner	GCC?	2023
\$ 330	Kiosk Repair	Jones/Tasse		2023
\$ 440	Signs/Blazing	Jones/Tasse		2023
\$ 1,320	Plank Walk	Jones/Tasse		2023
\$ 250	Maps/Kiosk/Map Box	Jones/Tasse		2023

Budget Action:

Lori & Tommie to discuss Urner Kiosk funding source with GCC at February mtg

- Tommie moves to accept the budget with condition that Urner Kiosk be funded by GCC.
- Frank seconds motion and all in favor
- Eric suggests reserving funds to purchase trail tools.

Earth Day Event at GYRLA Sat. Apr. 22

- Volunteer kickoff
- Plan to do our volunteer drive that day. 😊
- Offer guided hikes

GYRLA was approached by the NH Barn Trail program that is under development by UNH & VisitNH an ecotourism program.

- GYRLA March board meeting to present potential addition of GYRLA in program. The Cogswell trails will be an additional asset.

March Agenda Items

- Focus on organizing volunteer drive & Earth Day event
- Begin identifying top 10 trails for Booklet

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30