



## **Gilmanton Conservation Commission**

### **Trails Subcommittee **Approved** Minutes**

**1/2/24 @6:30pm Old Town Hall GIW**

**Members:** Lori & Rob Baldwin, Thomie Dombrowski, Frank Allen, Chris Schlegel

**Absent:** Nikita Twaalfhoven, Derek Colquhoun

**Community Members:** Kristie Owens, Rich Maher, Guy Williams

**Approve Nov. Minutes:** Thomie moves, Frank seconds to approve amended minutes. Approved.

#### **Action Item Updates:**

**Jones Farm:** Rich drafted a letter to the Taylor's for review. Rob read the letter aloud. Kristie suggested a couple grammatical changes. Decision made to send the letter through USPS to open the dialogue. Should come from Lori/ the Chair of the Subcommittee.

Discussion of the current trail (see map in appendix). Topics raised included:

- Latest Monitoring report Tasse/Jones easement. Frank contacted SPNHF. We need to contact the landowner to request the monitoring report.
- Trail routing to avoid tempting hikers to swim.
- Trail routing to NOT include trails into Gardners Cove

#### **Cogswell:**

Map-final draft. Board members provided great feedback to Thomie on the map. Thomie putting final touches on second map which will include the parcels along with history of the properties/easements. Chair engaged Carolyn Baldwin to assist with writing a brief history of the original owners of the property Cogswell's/Badger's.

Rich offered to have map enlarged, printed and laminated and installed before he goes to Georgia.

Bre updated the two files/maps on the town website. Lori produced the new QR codes. She copied, printed & laminated 2 copies for the kiosk. Thomie will post them.

**All Trails** map app inquiry. Thomie shared that the All Trails is not user friendly/intuitive for how to upload the trail files, details. Guy provided some insights and Rob offered to assist with investigating how this is done.

Ongoing discussions with Gary about Lou Lane access. Discussed the spurs reported from the November meeting. Gary is open to expanding the system. Frank has walked and taped the trail from Red Trail to Lou Lane. Nikita has also been exploring. Very wet!

Rich developing idea of a new trail above the Yellow Trail (to be named the '**Blue Line Extension**'). Idea is to change the Blue Trail from an 'out and back' to a trail that would extend to the west, then down (least steep) portion of the slope, following the contours and around the outcroppings. From there, follow and then cross the stream to merge at the intersection of the Red Trail. The objective is to have a peak-to-peak trail. Rich will walk Frank as landowner, through the proposed trail for feedback and possible approval.

Ron Klemarczyk is available to complete the Frisky Hill Vista this Friday, Jan.6<sup>th</sup>. He would have Doug Minor with him for that work. He would need one of us to accompany him to assist w/viewing and cutting range. Lori will engage Gary before we follow up with Ron K. Rich, Thomie & Guy are available to assist him.

**New Business:** stewardship plan, Review board bylaws. Adopt member attendance policy.

Work sessions for the winter months:

- Identify Goals
- Outreach events/event calendar
- Volunteer days
- Volunteer form online needs updating
- Budget session

- Purchases: Wagon? Tools?
- Target end of March to submit budget to Conservation Commission
- By-Laws
- Succession Planning. Lori's term ends this April.
  - Thomie. Just because term is up doesn't mean Lori can't be re-elected.
  - Derek's attended 2 meetings since 2021. Derek's term ends this year but we shouldn't wait. Chair will reach out to Derek for a resignation letter.
  - Nikita picked up Eric's position (and term for 1 year)
  - Chair queried Guy Williams about the open position. He is interested.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:48pm

## Appendix



