

TRAILS SUB COMMITTEE MEETING
HOPKINTON, NH
MEETING MINUTES
May 4, 2016 7:30 pm
HOPKINTON LIBRARY, LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

Members present: Lucia Kittredge, Cleve Kapala, Rob Knight, Bob LaPree;
Guest, James Doneski, Hopkinton Village Greenway trail volunteer

The Committee approved minutes from the October 21, 2015 meeting. Lucia will send these to Robin Buchanan for posting. Lucia reviewed progress made since the October meeting including securing winter parking at Ransmeier Woods and updates to the website by Kathy Barnes.

Contoocook Greenway trail update:

Cleve reported on the presentation about the proposed Contoocook Greenway trail to the Select Board on May 2nd. The presentation was well received. Jim O'Brian will sign the five Trail Agreements and Neal Cass will send copies to the landowners. Cleve reviewed the proposed route over the properties on which trail agreements have been secured. The next step is to flag a proposed route on these lands and review it with each landowner. He discussed options for phasing in sections of the trail as more trail agreements are secured. Bob LaPree will contact Steve Lux to coordinate maintenance plans for Cross Road. Members of the committee will take a field trip on Sunday May 8th to view possible trail alignments.

Hopkinton Village Greenway (HVG):

The HVG continues to get a lot of use by local residents including walking, skiing and snowshoeing during the winter. Trail stewards have been out this spring with minor work required. No problems have been reported. Lucia and Rob reported on a positive visit with a private landowner along the Greenway.

Trail to newly acquired Horn property, off Blackwater River Loop

Rob has flagged a proposed route to the Horne property. Members of the Committee will meet at 9 am on Saturday May 7th to review the proposed route.

Updates to website:

Lucia will contact Kathy Barnes for statistics on the number of visits to the Conservation Lands website. Bob LaPree will take several photos to add to the "What's New" page on the website, including one of the new Dog Walker boxes (located at Kimball Lake and the Library trailheads); and the poetry box on the HVG. He'll also take a photo of the Town Pound with the new gate.

Trail Stewards: Cleve has formalized the list of trail steward volunteers and is communicating with them by email each season. He has identified additional volunteers interested in working on new trails.

Other Business: The Committee discussed several other trail possibilities to link conservation lands and Class 6 roads.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

Respectfully submitted, Lucia Kittredge

Approved September 13, 2016