

Changes/additions to the Readfield Trails Infrastructure RFP

May 2, 2018

All Locations

1. Foot bridges can be built to strength rating of 65 lbs/ft rather than the Forest Service rating of 85 lbs/ft.
2. Approaches to ends of footbridges to be steps (level) rather than sloping ramps which can cause slipping.
3. Cedar preferred for treads, railings, planks, etc. if it can be obtained; but PT acceptable. If cedar is more expensive, Town can pay price difference.

Torsey Pond Nature Preserve

4. Bog bridges to be two 3x8" planks on top of 4x4" PT sleepers.
5. Lower footbridge to remain at its present location. Far end will be moved back from eroded stream bank.
6. Viewing platform: Roof to be shingled (cedar shakes). Sides to remain rough-cut board. Last two sections of bog bridges to be 3 planks wide to allow room for groups.

Fogg Farm Conservation Area

7. Footbridge length - Old footbridge (26') is too long to be built safely with conventional lumber. Length of span to be shortened to 22'. Support with 3 stringers of 2x12s consisting of 3 laminates with staggered joints; each stringer should be a minimum of 4 1/2" wide.

Final Note

8. Bid should separately price the cost of hauling out old timbers and trucking to Town Transfer Station as opposed to hauling clean lumber back into woods away from trail.