

Readfield Trails Committee Meeting Summary (Revised)  
July 27th, 2022

Present: Rob Peale, Paul Bessette, Greg Durgin, Steve Hayes, Megan Lachapelle, Greg Leimbach, Nancy Buker

Meeting called to order at 6:34 PM, timekeeper and scribe solicited and assigned by the chair.

The meeting proceeded in accordance with the published agenda and ended at 8:04PM.

Old business summary:

Meeting minutes from 25 August, 2022 were accepted unanimously.

Budget report shared with no issues.

Current committee officers were re-nominated and re-elected. (Rob Peale-Chair; Greg Durgin-Vice Chair; Jaqueline Drouin-Treasurer; Holly Rahmlow-Secretary  
Water trails access points will be included with the next update of the Readfield Trails maps, as well as the Readfield Conservation and Recreation areas map. They will be at Readfield Beach, the boat launch on Rte 41, and the Torsey Pond boat launch on Old Kents Hill Road.

No Heritage Days trails events this year. Past events included tours, tee shirt sales, easter egg hunt and a mountain bike poker run.

The Readfield Conservation Commission chair was engaged on fairy house trails at the Torsey Pond Nature Preserve during springtime maintenance there. No response as of this meeting date. Megan and Greg D. will follow up with the CC.

Trail Reports:

MCS trail to Fairgrounds Trail requires maintenance & erosion control on sloped section. It was suggested that the MCS School district budget for maintenance, and it was also suggested that the trails committee apply for grant funding in partnership with the district given chronic budgetary constraints.

The Fairgrounds parking lot continues to be a repeat offender regarding trash and recyclables being deposited, especially on the northern side. Signs were circulated and discussed for this area, as well as having the town engage law enforcement for after hours patrols. The signs suggested for this area are enclosed. Rob will follow up with the town manager.

Fairgrounds trails require maintenance, and it was noted that the machine spread and compacted gravel is preferred because it results in a smoother, flatter surface that is age friendly, and stroller friendly. It was suggested that the cost to complete the remaining fairgrounds trails using this method would be \$8,000.

The Fogg farm trail drainage structures were noted as having become tripping hazards.

New business summary:

A former trails committee member will be recognized with a recently discovered vintage trail marker mounted in a shadow box as a memento.

An outdoor code was reviewed and approved for mounting in trails kiosks. It is enclosed. A copy was provided to a member of the Readfield Conservation Commission to share with them, and consider for their trail kiosks.

No trails committee meeting in august. Members were encouraged to attend Heritage days and enjoy.

Greg Leimbach, scribe pro tem

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Fairgrounds Parking lot sign (Draft)

Outdoor code for kiosks