

Readfield Trails Committee Minutes
October 22, 2019

Present: Paul Bessette, Nancy Buker, Ken Clark, Greg Durgin, Jeanne Harris, Bob Harris, Greg Leimbach, Rob Peale, Holly Rahmlow

Excused: Henry Whittemore

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Rob agreed to be the timekeeper.

Holly passed out copies of the September minutes. Greg L. moved that the minutes be approved. Seconded and approved.

Jeanne reported that the current balance in our account, which includes the rollover from the last fiscal year, is \$2,503.14. Bills to come include those for the bluestone and for map printing.

Rob, Bob and Greg D. presented the Morrill Road Trail proposal to the Select Board at a recent meeting. It was approved. The Select Board approval included allowing the Trails Committee to construct an interim trail on the Morrill Road easement. The next step is to blaze the trail, which is planned for 1:30 p.m. Thursday, October 24.

The Carleton Pond excursion is set for 8 a.m. Friday, October 25. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Greg D. said that the Readfield Conservation Committee members will be meeting with abutting residents regarding concerns about a trail that RCC began constructing around the pulling stones behind the ball field. Trails members are welcome to attend the meeting, which will be at 3:30 on Thursday.

Bob and Jeanne reviewed the work day with the Kents Hill School kids. Seven kids and two adults worked on the trail behind the Union Meeting House. On the other end of the trail, Paul worked with five students and one teacher. Greg had already laid geotech, so the students put down bluestone. Paul also went out with a leaf blower and blew all the trails. Previously Jerry Bley had marked the trail, so a lot of work was accomplished on those trails.

Greg D. mentioned that maps are disappearing rapidly from the Post Office, so we decided to not put them out there anymore.

Rob asked about the prospect of putting a trail on the Saunders property to connect from Route 17 to the Rosmarin Preserve. The consensus was that a casual, local approach before formally applying to the Saunders Co. was the best way to move ahead. Bob, Rob and Greg L. will follow up.

Ken asked about the Esker Trail sign, which was broken. Paul said he fixed it.

The next meeting will be November 26. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Holly Rahmlow