

Minutes Trails Committee
January 26, 2016

Members Present: Jeanne Harris, Bob Harris, Hank Laidlaw, Chris Sammons (board liaison), Nancy Buker, Gary Keilty, Ann Keilty, Ken Clark, Greg Durgin, Will Harris, Romaine Turyn, Becky Walsh, Rob Peale

Excused: Karen Petersen

Meeting called to order at 6:35 by Chair Gary Keilty

Romaine agreed to record the minutes for this meeting.

Minutes of the November minutes were discussed. Bob Harris' name was added to the list of Sub-Committee members charged with developing a plan for the Factory Square area.

UPDATES

Will Harris has been snow blowing the Mill Stream path. It looks great. Thank you Will.

Becky Walsh cleared the path at the entrance to the Fairground Trail at Route 17. Thank you Becky.

Selectwoman Christine Sammons updated the Trails Committee on the wash out area on Route 17 as it approaches Old Kents Hill Road. The town is aware of it and is in the process of addressing the problem, which is not a new one.

BUDGET

The current budget has available \$1,130. Currently, money gifted to the Trails Committee but not spent by the end of the fiscal year is returned to the Town's general fund. This is not the intent of those gifting money. There was much discussion of the history of the Trails committee budget and the desire to make this account a non-lapsing account. The possibility of making it a non-lapsing account will be discussed with the Town Manager. Christine will monitor it at the Select Board meetings. Jeanne Harris is the Committee's "internal accountant" and will provide budget updates.

MCS Trail System

A small group met with Paul Cris of MCS and walked behind the school to view the old trail system. The Trails Committee received permission to work on the trails and to clean them up. It was suggested some students may be able to help. There are close to 300 acres of land behind the school. There is no known map of the trail system. A site visit was planned to walk the trails.

Bus Garage

The bus garage was identified as a possible place to park in order to gain access to the Bog Trail. Flagging was done to identify the potential trail.

Library Sign

A sign identifying the Community Pathway was put up under the library sign. A thank you to the Library Committee for allowing us to do so.

Mill Stream Park

Greg Durgin and Bob Harris are working with Jerry Bley to develop a plan. Construction estimates are required for Phase 1.as part of the permitting process. This will be a community project and fund-raising will need to be done.

Fogg Farm – McPhedran Preserve

Re-planking of a bridge will need to be done in the spring.

Board Appoint and Reappointment Committee

Rob Peale summarized their process of reviewing the procedures for appointment and reappointment to Boards, Committees and Commissions. The document needs to be finalized and then it will be given to each committee for review. A code of conduct will be added.

Liaison Update

Christine Sammons is the Trails Committee liaison to the Select Board.

Trails Strategic Plan

This plan will be discussed at the next meeting. Ken will resend the latest version.

Comprehensive Plan

The Trails Committee must review the Comprehensive Plan as it pertains to our duties and responsibilities. The relevant sections will be sent out for our review and updates if needed.

Ball Park Governance

Milt Wright, Bruce Hunter and Kathy DuPont wrote a governance document for the use of the ball park. We are awaiting a second draft to review. A name of the field has not yet been established.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36. (Harris, Peale)

Respectfully Submitted

Romaine Turyn

