

Cabot Trails Committee  
Draft Meeting Minutes  
August 28, 2019

Members Present: Andy Gilbert, Paul Wade, Dana Glazier, Gary Gulka

Members of Public Present: Fred Jaegels, Ted Bermingham, Dan Currier, Ashley Andrews

Next Meeting: September 11, 7 pm

Minutes of July 10 approved with one change - should say "Minutes of June 12 approved without changes."

Public Comment

No public comment

Discussion of Public Records and Map Planning

The Committee discussed a request from a member of the public to delete from the record a map of potential trails that was generated by Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) as a result of a public meeting. The Committee referred to a stipulation in the grant agreement with the Agency of Commerce and Community Development that specifically prohibits such action. No further action was taken on this matter.

Landowner Outreach Planning

Dan Currier of CVRPC facilitated a discussion of landowner outreach planning for the next public meeting. The Committee identified almost 50 landowners that the Committee would reach out to and invite to the public meeting - in the various areas of town where potential trails could be developed. It was decided that the Committee would plan a public meeting as a Saturday morning breakfast meeting in late October or early November. We will plan for this meeting over our next two monthly meetings in September and October. Outreach for this meeting will include Front Porch Forum, an insert in the Cabot Chronicle and direct mailings. It was agreed that the Select Board should be invited (or at least one representative), VT Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation, and VT Fish & Wildlife.

Ted Bermingham said that it is important to distinguish between seasonal and year-round trails as well as the type of non-motorized activity that would be acceptable to a landowner. It was agreed that landowner permission forms or agreements be of one-year duration.

We will consider inviting representatives of East Montpelier Trails Association and the Cross VT Trail to the next meeting. Andy will review the sign-up sheet for the previous public meeting where attendees indicated that type of trails they are interested in.