

Cabot Trails Committee
Draft Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2019

Members Present: Andy Gilbert, Paul Wade, Dana Glazier, Gwen Hallsmith, Kris Schmitt, Michael Socks, Gary Gulka

Members of Public Present: Dan Currier (CVRPC)

Next Meetings: October 26, (9-11 am), November 13, 7 pm

Agenda Changes

An item added to agenda to discuss Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Meeting.

It was noted that contact could not be made with a representative of East Montpelier Trails Association prior to this meeting. Gary will contact by phone to get some information and will invite to future meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of September 11 approved without changes

Public Comment

No public comment

Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Meeting

Andy reported on the LVRT meeting. Hardwick is planning to work on 1-4 miles of the trail through several grants. Otherwise progress is slow in developing other sections of the trail and acquiring funding. Meeting was worthwhile to attend for contacts made and updates to progress.

Landowner Outreach Meeting - October 26

Gary attended Select Board meeting on October 8 and presented the draft letter to landowners and the meeting agenda and invited attendance by the Select Board.

Plan to arrive for meeting set up at 8 am. Andy will contact Sarah's for similar breakfast food. We will plan on 40 attendees. Other foods and beverages: fruit, orange juice, cider, coffee, tea, oatmeal (Gary will check with Roman).

We will plan on a short PowerPoint presentation. Dan will prepare some slides and send along for review. The presentation will include some background on our committee and goals, other towns with trail systems,

economic benefits, and economic benefits. This will be followed with a short presentation by Greg Western of Cross VT Trail prior to our open discussion of landowner participation in trails.

We will arrange four islands of tables with maps and trail committee members will encourage some icebreaker discussions with people at the table (introductions, their location, general interests in trails, etc)

Letter and agenda to 60 landowners will be sent out shortly. The committee agreed that some personal contacts will be made to encourage more townspeople to attend. Gwen will circulate trails contact list.

Copies of the landowner agreement will be brought to the meeting.