

Cabot Trails Committee  
Draft Meeting Minutes  
December 11, 2019

Members Present: Andy Gilbert, Paul Wade, Dana Glazier, Kris Schmitt, Michael Socks, Gary Gulka  
Members of Public Present: Steve Hogan, Amy Hornblas, Dan Currier, Ashley Andrews

Next Meeting: January 8, 7 pm

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of November 13 approved without changes

Public Comment

No public comment

CVRPC Presentation - Meeting in a Box, Landowner Planning

Dan Currier provided an overview of the Landowner Meeting in a Box Checklist. The Checklist includes: list of frequently asked questions; trail permission form; trail maintenance agreement; committee purpose and needs statement; maps of community; example of trail cross sections; and list of contacts. It was suggested that we add a history of trails in town to the checklist. Hard copy maps will include parcel boundaries, contours, road names, wetlands, and deer yards.

It was agreed that the committee would finalize the Landowner Permission Form as currently drafted, and add as an addendum, a page for specific usage restrictions and trail maintenance that would spell out any specific details concerns about these issues. Dan will finalize the Landowner Permission Form by the end of December and provide to the committee.

There was discussion about the duration of landowner agreements. It was generally agreed that the committee would at least informally check in with landowners on an annual basis about status and any concerns. The committee will revisit the issue of duration.

Dan will have a draft report in January/February timeframe. At the next meeting we will review the timeline for the remainder of the project. Dan suggested that instead of using the term "alternatives" for trails under development to use the term "phases." There was general agreement on this.

The Committee reviewed landowners that have responded favorably to trails on their properties and those that need follow up.

It was agreed that the Cabot Winter Trail landowner agreements would be pursued and hopefully completed by January 15. This involves the following landowners: Hogan, Bothfeld, Bermingham, Nally, Medonka, Deasy, Eister, and Osborne.

### FY 2021 Budget

The committee agreed on submitting a proposed budget of \$1000 to the Select Board. This would be an increase from \$500 for the current year, and reflects the additional need for trail maintenance, signs, and public outreach.

### Field Reports

Work has been done on Cabot Winter Trail from Dubray Rd to Danville Hill Rd. The trail is now passable. The portion of the trail from Taylor Rd to Dubray Rd has a number of blowdowns and would require a day of field work to clear it for use. Andy will arrange a date and time to visit the Talbert property and discuss trail opportunities with Chuck Talbert. Andy will let the committee know when this is scheduled.