

Cabot Trails Committee
Draft Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2020

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

Next Meeting: **February 12, 7 pm**

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of December 11 approved without changes

Public Comment

No public comment

Landowner Permission Form

The Committee made changes to the Landowner Permission Form as follows. Page 1 will be used to note desired exceptions as currently drafted. Page 2-3 will be modified to no longer be part of the form to be filled out by the landowner - but instead to serve as an appendix or list of possible exceptions/preferences that the landowner can note on the signed form (page 1). Gary and Andy will work on modifying the page 2-3 listing. It was suggested that the landowner permission form be beta tested with a few landowners before finalizing.

Field Reports

Cabot Winter Trail - further work was done to clear the section of trail from Dubray Rd to Taylor Rd. The next step is to get all landowners to re-sign the landowner permission form when finalized. As of now, these landowners include: Hogan, Bothfeld, Birmingham, Nally, Medonc, Deasy, Eister, and Osborne. We should also approach Bourne/Andrews for the Langone Rd section from Dubray Rd to Menard Rd. There was interest in walking the section of the trail on Bothfeld, Birmingham, Nally, and Medonca. It was agreed that Committee members would contact Matt Nally to better understand the boundary between his property and Medonca and whether it is necessary for the trail to cross the Medonca property. When the permission form is finalized and a final field walk of the above-noted properties is conducted, various Committee members will be tasked with getting the landowner permission form signed. It was noted that since this is a seasonal winter trail, we need to work expeditiously to complete the above tasks. Michael provided the group with copies of the historical maps of the Cabot recreational trails.

Talbert Property - Meeting with Chuck Talbert has not happened. Gary will take the lead on contacting Chuck (595-3418) and set up a time to walk the property. Committee members will be contacted about a date and time to participate.

Hooker Mt - Andy has been taking the lead on this. There is a need to contact landowner Napoli about trail clearing. Gary will try to make the contact with Napoli.

Town Report and Budget

Andy and Gary will take the lead on drafting town report article that is due January 13. Budget request has been submitted to the Select Board.

To Do List

- Finalize landowner permission form and beta test
- Get landowner permission forms for Winter Trail signed
- Town Report
- Final walk of sections of Cabot Winter Trail; meet with Matt Nally to confirm property boundaries
- Meet with Chuck Talbert
- Further contact with landowners by Hooker Mountain