

Cabot Trails Committee
Draft Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2020

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

Members of the Public: Clare Rock (CVRPC), Ashley Andrews (CVRPC)

Next Meeting: March 11, **7 pm**

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of January 8 approved with correction of typographical errors

Public Comment

No public comment

CVRPC Planning Update

Reviewed contents of meeting in a box and agreed on the contents. The full landowner liability statute will be included. The committee will draft the list of contacts to be included. We reviewed the map with existing trails, resource constraints, origins and destination and agreed on its contents. CVRPC will re-draft.

Other aspects of the project and final report were discussed and agreed upon. In the next month, the Trails Committee will be working on GPS mapping for the Cabot Winter Trail, Town Forest, and Talbert property trails, as well acquiring trail permission on private lands. The GPS information will be sent to CVRPC to include in the maps.

The committee will be developing a 2-5 year implementation plan with input from CVRPC. This will be included in the final project report. CVRPC will send the committee some example templates for other long range plans that have been developed related to trails.

It was agreed that CVRPC would attend the next two monthly meetings on March 11 and April 8 to work on completing and reviewing the various elements of the project report, as well as planning for a final public presentation in the latter part of April. Work on the project will end on or around May 1.

Landowner Permission Form

The Landowner Permission form was approved with changes as follows: (1) add a page 2 that includes examples of preferences/exemptions that can be included on the permission form; (2) add to page 2 the language of 12 V.S.A. Section 5793 of Limitations on Landowner Liability for Recreational Purposes; (3) modifications to the last paragraph of permission form in regard to contacting the committee if questions or concerns arise; (4) form update noted on last line of the form changed to 2/12/20.

Revised form will be sent to Town Clerk, also with a request to add Trails Committee to an upcoming Select Board agenda for update on committee work.

Field Reports

It was agreed that the following field work should be done by the next meeting in March:

Talbert Property and adjoining landowner - Complete GPS mapping of trails on both sides of Bothfeld Hill Rd and acquire signed permission forms. Paul and Gary will take the lead on this.

Cabot Winter Trail - complete GPS mapping on Langone Rd section. Get landowner permission forms with the following persons taking the lead for particular landowners:

Hogan - Andy

Bothfeld, Deasy, Andrews - Gary

Birmingham, Nally - Dana

Osborne, Eister - Paul

Note: Winter trail use should specify Dec. 1 - April 15

Town Forest Trail - complete GPS mapping; Paul and Gary will take lead