

Cabot Trails Committee
Draft Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2020

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

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

This meeting was held electronically in accordance with state open meeting statutes for electronic meetings.

Approval of Minutes

Draft minutes of September 9 approved without changes

Public Comment

Andy mentioned that the Cross VT Trail Association held a public hearing earlier this week in regard to bike path construction in East Montpelier along Route 2. LVRT rail trail construction work is happening in Hardwick. Andy said it would be worthwhile to check out the Kingdom Heritage Trail that was recently completed by the Northwoods Stewardship Center, as well as other trails in the Northeast Kingdom

<https://www.northwoodscenter.org/wordpress/conservation-corps/trails/>

ReCap of Plan, Other to Dos

It was agreed to remove the legacy trails map due to landowner input on the Plan. Clare Rock will be asked to make this final change in the Plan. The Town Clerk has asked that we assist in completing the on line municipal planning grant final report. Andy will meet with the Town Clerk next week to go over this.

AmeriCorps Trail Building Opportunity

AmeriCorps teams of 18-24 year olds can be used for trail building/maintenance projects. Generally, teams work for 6-8 weeks. Our only obligation would be to provide no-cost housing for the work period. There are several application deadlines during the year. One that seemed most appealing is Application Round C for the work period of May 3 - June 22. Concept Form is due January 5 and application deadline is February 8. Gwen will seek clarification on housing types that are allowable. It was generally agreed that we could reach out to the local community to see anyone would be willing to donate no-cost housing for a team during the work period.

Trails Activity

Town Forest - need to visit and check water bars and do limited clearing and marking for the new loop section. Gary will take the lead on this

Winter Trail - Michael will scope out the trail and maintenance needed and report back to the group

Talbert Trail - There is a need to mark the trail in the sugar woods. Gary will contact Chuck to see if there is a time that we can work with him