

Cabot Trails Committee  
Draft Meeting Minutes  
December 9, 2020

Present: Andy Gilbert, Michael Socks, Kris Schmitt, Paul Wade, Gary Gulka, Gwen Hallsmith, Dana Glazier, Jim Wolynetz, Alicia Finley, Brian Dirlam

Next Meeting: **January 13, 2021 7 pm**

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

Approval of Minutes

Draft minutes of November 11 approved without changes

Public Comment

Brian Dirlam spoke in favor of establishing a trail system for winter use

Administrative

Provided information to the Town Clerk's office to complete Municipal Planning Grant. We are not aware of any additional requests for information.

The Committee agreed that it would request level town funding of \$500 to support committee work in the next fiscal year for the same types of activities. Andy and Gary will provide any necessary information, including a summary of this past year's work, to the Town Clerk/Select Board.

Gary and Andy will draft an annual report for the Committee in the next few weeks that will be incorporated into the Town Report.

Trail Updates

Chuck Talbert has contacted adjoining landowners, Kaptan and Mitchell, and has gotten verbal permission to use their properties to link the Talbert sugar woods trail to the village. The committee will follow up on getting landowner permission forms signed. Chuck has provided a gpx file of the trail. Gwen and Andy will work on trail maps and Andy will explore a subscription to AllTrials for trail mapping purposes. It was suggested that trail maps should be posted online as well as at the Talbert sugarhouse. Gary will follow up with Chuck to find out if the trail extension to the village has been cleared.

Cabot Winter Trail – Paul reported that the trail has been cleared at the Dubray Rd. end and done Langone Rd to Menard Rd. Landowner permissions still need to be obtained for the following properties: Bothfeld, Deasy and Andrews. Mike and Gary will take the lead on this.

Hooker Mountain - Further follow up with landowners needed. Andy and Gary will work on this in the coming month or so.

Connector trail to Lamoille Valley Rail Trail – Gary will make landowner contact to explore the possibility of a connection to the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail via Deeper Ruts Rd.

Hooker Mountain – Andy and Gary will pursue landowner contacts.

NE Trail Conservancy (Link Cross VT Trail to LVRT)

There is still interest in finding an connection of the Cross VT Trail to the LVRT through Cabot by the NE Trail Conservancy. Andy will arrange for a discussion with the committee in the coming months.