

Cabot Trails Committee
Draft Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2021

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

Next Meeting: **February 10, 2021, 7 pm**

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

Approval of Minutes

Draft minutes of Dec 9 approved with two typographical corrections.

Public Comment

None

Administrative

Annual report submitted to Town Clerk for this year's Town Report.

Trail Updates

Talbert Trails

- Signage is being placed on the trails; at least one more workday to finish.
- Signs are being put up on grade stakes and tied to trees with nylon twine.
- Need to decide how we are going to mark trail intersections; currently we are writing with permanent marker on the signs with arrows and trail information/directions.
- Hope to write an article for the Cabot Chronicle on this trail network.
- We need to consider posting a trail map at the sugar house and trail etiquette sign.
- Need to get landowner permission forms from Chuck (Mitchell and Kaptan).
- We should be developing a posting trail etiquette signs – we need to at least get a temporary sign up at the sugar house and decide on etiquette language. Need to include on next meeting agenda.
- Need to get up to date gpx file on the complete trail network so that we can generate an accurate map.

Cabot Winter Trail

Landowner permissions still need to be obtained for the following properties: Bothfeld, Deasy and Andrews. This is a priority to complete.

LVRT

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.

Trail Mapping

Andy is looking into Trail Hub, a Burlington-based company. Annual costs in the \$70-\$75 range. There are still questions about the capabilities of this- Andy will try to arrange a call with the company to get questions answered.

Signage

- Need to work on trail etiquette sign.
- We have a large supply of Cabot Recreational Trail (CRT) signs for future use.

Membership

Committee agreed to nominate Chuck Talbert for appointment to the Trails Committee. Andy will recommend appointment at next Select Board meeting.

NE Trail Conservancy (Link Cross VT Trail to LVRT)

There is still interest in finding and connection of the Cross VT Trail to the LVRT through Cabot by the NE Trail Conservancy. A call is scheduled for February 1, 6-7 PM. Gary will send out the call-in information if anyone wishes to join Andy and Gary.