

Cabot Trails Committee
Draft Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2021

Present: Chuck Talbert, Michael Socks, Gwen Hallsmith, Dana Glazier, Kris Schmitt, Paul Wade, Gary Gulka, Monique Gerbex

Next Meeting: January 12, 2022

Approval of Minutes

Draft minutes of November 10 approved without changes

Public Comment

None

Administrative

We have exceeded our budget with materials purchases and will need to tap into the anonymous donations received through CCA, which now total \$1000.

Gwen Hallsmith has resigned from the Committee, and she was thanked for her service.

Trail Updates/Priorities/Mapping

Winter Trail – Signs, bridges, and maps are completed. There are about a dozen old trail signs that will eventually need to be replaced

Old Center of Town Trail – met with Steve Hogan to address his concerns for use of the trail through the Glinka property. We have included work on this trail in our recreational trails grant application. We do not have a landowner permission form yet.

To Do List

Get more hemlock slabs – Chuck will check with Nate Smith

Remove trail signs on Guzman property – Chuck

Mark/map/install trailhead signage @ Langone Rd – plan on work day in the coming week

Mark/map/install trailhead signage @ Eister's - plan on work day in the coming week

Make/laminate new map for Winter Trail – once other trails are marked and mapped

Research/purchase waterproof boxes for kiosks; suggestion to use PVC pipe

Make/improve standard blueprint for kiosk – Paul

Trial apps – Paul and others

Post trail maps on town web site - Gary

Front Porch Forum/Cabot Connects post on trail updates (especially if we get grant)

Landowner permissions to follow up on: Paquin, Glinka, Cabot Commons, Osborne

Check with Abbott re: Old Center of Town trail – Chuck
Contact Robert Williams re: Urban Rd – Taylor Rd connector – Chuck

Plowing of Trailhead Parking Areas

Select Board has informed the Trails Committee that the town will not plow any of the trailhead parking areas. Current need is to provide winter parking at McQueeney trailhead. We will look into going out to bid for plowing. We need to check out finances before doing this.

Overview of Recreational Trail Grant Application

Michael provided an overview of the application work plan, budget, and maps. We expect to hear later in December if we are funded. The trails grant administrators said that they may be contacting applicants next week if there are questions during the review process.

Public Outreach

We should provide trail updates on Front Porch Forum and Cabot Connects.

Landowner appreciation – we can acknowledge landowners through postings and landowner appreciation events that we will be planning for in the future.

We can make trail maps available at business locations and the Willey Building. Eventually we should have a general brochure describing the trail network (we are planning this under the grant)

Review Draft Rules of Procedure

Draft rules of procedure were approved and adopted unanimously without changes.

Election of Officers

The following officers were elected unanimously:

Dana Glazier – Chair

Gary Gulka – Secretary

Kris Schmitt – Treasurer

New Business

We have one vacancy to fill on the committee. We will ask anyone interested to submit a letter of interest.