

Cabot Trails Committee  
Draft Meeting Minutes  
May 19, 2021

Present: Kris Schmitt, Gary Gulka, Dana Glazier, Paul Wade, Chuck Talbert, Gwen Hallsmith, Sue Robinson

Next Meeting: **June 9, 2021, 7 pm**

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

Approval of Minutes

Draft minutes of April 14 approved without changes.

Public Comment

No public comment

Administrative

Looking to spend remainder of this year's budget on various supplies and services by June 30 – lumber and material for kiosks, wire for sign hanging, grade stakes, and trail mower repair. We also have an anonymous donation we can tap into that doesn't have time restrictions.

Update on Trail Mapping

Paul has placed main loop of sugar woods trail on Trail Forks app. Next step is to get other sections of the sugar woods trail network up on Trail Forks. Chuck would like to get some bike routes that use town roads up on Trail Forks.

Trail Updates and Priorities

Village Trail – Chuck still working on landowner permission.

Cross VT – LVRT/Marshfield Village-Cabot Village Linkages – Chuck has continued to have success with landowner permissions from his property to West Hill Pond and from Blodgett Rd to the Ameden property. Chuck has asked that one or more committee members arrange a meeting with Will Ameden and walk possible trails. Will is caretaker for the former Fritz property that had an extensive trail network that was open to the public for skiing and could create other connections to Marshfield Village.

Melissa Jenkins Trail – This existing public trail involves the McQueeney and Trautz properties and goes between McQueeney Rd and Cabot Plains Rd. We have not previously discussed this trail as part of the town network. Paul has agreed to contact Cheryl McQueeney about the status.

Town Forest – A workday or two is needed to work on the loop trail and some cleanup of the parking area. We have permission to use the Cabot Town Garage access drive for parking in the winter. We need to work with one landowner for a seasonal right-of-way to access the town forest from the town garage.

Cabot Winter Trail – still awaiting response from Mendonca.

Urban Road – Taylor Rd Connection – Josh Thompson has agreed to allow access. We need one more permission from Robert Williams of Craftsbury who will notify us when he will be in Cabot, and we can walk the trail together and discuss.

Bike Routes on Local Roads – It was agreed that we should be mapping bike routes on town roads that are scenic and of interest to residents and visitors.

#### Trailhead Kiosks

Chuck will put together a list of materials for kiosks. Dana will check on costs for getting supplies at Curtis Lumber where he has a discount. Gwen will check with Melvin Churchill on the Cemetery Commission on a location for placing a kiosk at the Elm Street Cemetery access to the sugar woods trail.

#### New Business

Kris brought up the issue of marking trail intersections to avoid confusion – since we are using one set of signs currently, and no other distinction to help a trail user navigate. We acknowledged that we need to identify intersections and there was consensus that intersections be numbered and designated as such on maps, whether digital or paper maps. There was also discussion of color coding.