

Minutes of the Forest and Trails Committee  
Town of Conway,  
October 26, 2022  
6:30 pm Town Hall

Present:

Members: Marilyn Webster, Deb Donaldson, Priscilla Lynch, Suzanne Artemieff,  
Courtney Gilligan

Associate Members: Cynthia Lawton-Singer

Called to order, 6:31 pm by Deb.

Minutes of September 28 were unanimously approved.

Work party for removing invasive plants:

- Ron Sweet agreed to let volunteers stack invasive plants cleared from trail area in a pile

Updates on Fournier guided trail were presented:

- Students and teacher Jaime Jackman like the new foot bridge to the ice pond
- Communication stalled between Ohketeau and Jaime stalled, but seems to have restarted
  - Priscilla to reach out via email to clarify timeline
  - Committee agreed to contact Nolumbeka if Ohketeau cannot assist within Committee's timeframe
- Concern was expressed about lack of cell coverage on the trail, thus effectiveness of QR codes
- Jaime had a question about the parking lot at the trail head
- Deb to set up meeting with Ron, school principal and Jaime and communicate date/time to Véronique

Timing of completion of remaining tasks for Fournier guided trail were discussed:

- Text for signs should be submitted to Committee prior to next meeting on Nov. 16, so it can be finalized at that time (for species, sign to include common name, Latin name and Abenaki name, if possible)
- Marilyn will ask Jaime when she can deliver text for website
- List of signs will be finalized at November 16 meeting
- Committee agreed that invasive plants are not to be labeled, but photos will be included on the web site, with possibly a sign for a hemlock infected with woolly adelgid as an example of an invasive species

Wording of a letter to the Selectboard accepting revised stewardship plans was discussed and accepted so that Deb could send the letter to Véronique after the meeting.

Deb related support for the Committee's work from the Conway PTO leadership, who would like to create a pollinator garden at the school and extended an invitation to have someone from the Pollinators Group to speak on 11/15.

Marilyn reported that Andrew Randazzo, a Forest ecologist with the Audubon, is trying to incorporate a partnership with the Ohketeau into an MVP grant and will contact Marilyn once he knows whether they received the grant.

The Committee agreed to discuss possible future grants at the November meeting. Deb and/or Marilyn will email information about Neighborhood Outreach grants from DCR, which typically range from \$300-2500, with a \$5000 max, no matching funds, but grant is in the form of a reimbursement

Next Meetings:

November 16, 6:30 pm

December 28, 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm