

Minutes of the Forest and Trails Committee  
Town of Conway,  
December 28, 2022  
6:30 pm Town Hall

Present:

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

Associate Members: Cynthia Lawton-Singer

Interested Residents: Steve Snook

Called to order, 6:30 pm by Deb.

Minutes of November 16 with minor correction were unanimously approved.

Courtney confirmed receipt of files of lands/trails adjacent to Fournier property. Courtney will select only the necessary files and zip them. Following a brief discussion about whether and where to make the final map available, it was agreed to make that decision once we have the kiosk.

Marilyn provided an update on the Fournier interpretive trail.

- The decision was made to have only one vernal pool sign
- The metal signs, which will be black with silver lettering, will be screwed to cedar blocks, which will be screwed to the metal fence posts about 3 feet off the ground.
- Due to issues of readability, it was decided to rely on sign maker's recommendation regarding size of QR code.
- Given ongoing communication issues between Jaime Jackman and the Ohketeau Center, it was decided to invite the two parties to our January meeting. Marilyn will contact Jaime and Priscilla will contact Ohketeau. If needed, we will schedule a special meeting.

Deb provided an update on the Committee's financials.

- All funds from the Conway Cultural Council grant were expended
- The Committee currently has \$585, of which three hundred have been earmarked for the Ohketeau.
- Materials for a kiosk will be at least \$250 and another \$150 if we decide to use plexiglass.

Cynthia provided an update on invasive species control.

- The next cleanup will be scheduled for late April.

- Cynthia will draft an article for publication in the March issue of Conway Currents, so will provide the initial draft to the Committee prior to the February meeting, where it will be discussed.
- Steve expressed interest in not only helping with invasives control, but also trail maintenance, especially removal of fallen trees using his chainsaw! Shoutout to Steve Snook!!!

Next steps/new projects were discussed.

- Replacement of failing culverts with bridges is a high priority but major undertaking requiring coordination with Selectboard, DCR, Audubon and possibly Cowl's Lumber.
- Deb will speak with Selectboard Chair as first step.
- A minor project regarding posting a sign at north end of Fournier trail was proposed. Deb will speak with the landowner, Dean Rankin, to clarify who may use his trails and what his preferences are regarding signage.

Next Meetings:

January 25, 6:30 pm

February 22, 6:30 pm

March 22, 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned 7:49 pm