

Minutes of the Forest and Trails Committee Town of Conway,

May 24, 2023, 6:30pm

Members: Marilyn Webster, Deb Donaldson, Priscilla Lynch, Courtney Gilligan Associate

Members: Cynthia Lawton-Singer

Called to order at 6:35 by Deb

Minutes of April 26, 2023 accepted unanimously

Status update of the Fournier Guided Trail

- Pages are on final edit with Jaime and Marilyn has requested getting the pages as they are completed to start posting to the website.
- There is a possibility of getting photos from the Spring Fling to add to the web pages.
- Once pages are completed, we will do a press release for the Greenfield Recorder and place an article in the Currents.
- Work on the kiosk is progressing with post holes dug and some material purchased. The goal is to have it done by the end of June.
- If we have enough money, we will put up a Trail Head Parking sign at the area designated by Ron.
- Content for the kiosk was discussed. Priscilla is to draft a land acknowledgement. Courtney is working on the map with spur trail to the Ice Pond with the goal to have a printable Pdf by next meeting. Also, there will be a general statement to be respectful of the land, tread lightly, beware of ticks, etc.
- Invasive removal behind the playground is progressing well. Next removal date is June 17th. Cynthia will propose July and August dates and get them posted to the town website and the Currents.
- Cynthia will consult with Cayte McDonough of a list of potential woodland plants to put in next spring where the invasives have been removed.

Culvert project

Deb talked with Craig Warner of the Snowmobile Club who finally got out to survey the trail. Craig is confident the club can take care of the repairs this summer without involving DCR or the state. Motorized vehicles are still frequently using the trails despite being posted. He was pleased we are working collaboratively and suggested we also reach out to local biking groups.

New Business

We received the final version of the updated stewardship plans and it was proposed we all study Stands 1&2 on the Town Farm before the next meeting and prioritize next steps. We would also like to work more closely with Andre at Ohketeau and his organization, No Loose Braids. Marilyn will contact him and invite him to the next meeting.

Next Meeting

June 28, 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:40