

Minutes of the Forest and Trails Committee
Town of Conway,
July 26, 2023
6:30 pm Town Hall

Present:

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

Associate Members: Cynthia Lawton-Singer

Meeting called to order, 6:36 pm.

Minutes of June 28 were unanimously approved with minor changes.

Update on interpretive walk:

- Bridge is still standing!
- A brief survey found only 15 intact signs, with one block off the post: cost for replacing damaged sign is \$13.25 plus \$1 for QR code, but minimum purchase of \$25 required.
- 15 final drafts of text have been uploaded to the F&T website, but encountered difficulty uploading photos.

Update on kiosk:

- Courtney to make minor changes to map, which will remain current size.
- Language of Land Acknowledgment was finalized.
- Trail etiquette to be discussed at next meeting - Deb working on draft

Update on culverts was tabled.

Update on invasive plants work parties:

- Next work party scheduled (and advertised) for August 13.
- Cynthia to decide on dates for September and October.

Discussion on process for approving material for F&T website was tabled pending full board attendance.

New Business:

- Unanimously agreed that no bylaw changes needed.
- Review of Committee officers:
 - Marilyn to step down.
 - Suzanne to remain Secretary
- Town Farm Forest Stewardship Plan discussion tabled due to lack of time, but will be top of agenda with time limit at August meeting.

- Committee decided not to have table at Festival of the Hills
- Committee endorsed Marilyn's idea of Nature Journaling as project to submit to Conway Cultural Council for funding.

Next Meetings:

August 23, 6:30 pm

September 27, 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm