Middlesex Trails Committee
Monday, November 11, 2024
7:00 pm
Minutes - Draft

Attending: Michael Levine, Mitch Osiecki, Dave Shepard, Joanne Mankoff, Adrienne Magida

Joanne Mankoff moved and Dave Shepard seconded approval of the meeting minutes for October 14, 2024. Motion carried

Update on signs - Bolduc/Dolan Road Walk sign, Bushey Road sign- Phase 2 - Map Drafts - Mitch will put signs up in the next few days (they are now up and look beautiful.) He will also be sure signs are made for the Hunger Mountain trailhead to be put on street signs at North Bear Swamp, Story Road and West Hill Road.

Update on new trailwork in the Town Forest with Seth Coffey - Dave Shepard reported that he, Joanne Mankoff, Dina Bahrawy and Linda Helms met with Seth Coffey at the Town Forest and worked on the proposed new loop trail. They made two water bars and suggested some alternate ways around the existing trail/road to avoid some wet and low spots. The Trails Committee agreed to meet at the Town Forest on November 18 to walk the trail and think about possible alternate routes.

Report on progress at Red Hen property - Owen Dalton met with Russ Bennett about a possible trail from Red Hen to Church Street. Russ has agreed to meet with Andrew and Dylan McCullough to discuss a possible trail near their property.

Next steps on Galaxy property - Joanne reached out with Russ Bennett but has not heard back yet.

Owl's Head Trail update - work needed - Dave Shepard and Ross Lieblappen have agreed to cut the tree blocking the trail.

Report from the Conservation Commission - EWP update for 2023 and 2024 projects, updates on Trails Committee

Ideas for future work

- There was a suggestion to put log books at the trailheads to judge usage.
- Look further into connecting trails in Middlesex, maybe starting at Wrightsville and heading up towards Rumney or over toward property in Putnamville

- Look into who owns the bridge on the Davy Trail and whether it could be used by the Trails Committee to cross the low wet point on that trail. Mitch said he would look into who might own that property.

Next meeting - December 9, 2024, second Monday of the month.

7:50 Adjourn

Middlesex Trails Signage Project