Middlesex Trails Committee
Monday, August 12, 2024
7:00 pm
Minutes

Participants: Mitch Osiecki, Adrienne Magida, Dave Shepard,, Michael Levine, Joanne Mankoff, Kimberley Hagen

Dave Shepard moved and Mitch Osiecki seconded approval of the meeting minutes for July 8, 2024. Motion passed.

Update on signs - Bolduc/Dolan Road Walk sign, Bushey Road sign- Phase 2 - Map Drafts
Mitch reported no further news on the walking trail down Shady Rill to Rumney or on the What's Next Middlesex website. The signs are ready to post on Bushey Road and Dolan Road but will hold up Bolduc Road until further discussion. Blue arrow signs still need to be posted on some trails.
There was some discussion about posting the sign on Bolduc Road because of the concern of a resident there that signs might attract too much traffic and parking might become an issue. After much discussion, the Committee decided to post a sign on the Dolan Road side where there is adequate space for parking and hold off on the Bolduc Road sign for now. Adrienne will contact the resident and the Conservation Commission.
Mitch is working on the small road sign for Hunger Mountain trailhead.

Hunger Mountain - painting trail markers - Dave was contacted by Jesse, the State trail coordinator, who asked if members of the Trails Committee might be interested in repainting blue blazes on the White Rocks trail. There was interest so Dave will get back to Jesse about timing and possible training.

Plan date or report on walk on Galaxy property - Russ has not been in touch with the Trails Committee about a possible date so Adrienne will reach out again to try to schedule a walk.
Next steps for Red Hen trail - The Committee suggested an in person meeting with Russ, neighbors on Church Street and the Trails Committee to look at maps and discuss possible routes for a walking trail from Red Hen to Church Street and on to Roots Market.

Thoughts about future work - Owlhead trail that begins in the Town Forest - should we think about clearing the big tree part way up that is across the path and makes it hard to find the trail beyond the tree?
Town Forest new trail - Dave will reach out to Seth Coffey again for a date to work on water bars and markings for the trail.

These projects will need additional trail work volunteers. Though dates are not set yet, Michael will post an FPF note on behalf of the MTC and MCC that asks potential volunteers to send their email contact. That way we can reach out directly when tasks are coming up.

Date of next meeting - September 9, 2024, second Monday of the month.
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