Middlesex Trails Committee
Monday, February 10, 2025
Minutes

Attending: Michael Levine, Dave Shepard, Adrienne Magida, Mitch Osiecki, Joanne Mankoff, KImberly Hagen, Misha Golfman, Don Wexler, Russ Bennett

Kimberly Hagen moved and Dave Shepard seconded approval of the meeting minutes for December 9, 2024. Motion carried

Presentation from Misha Golfman - Misha and Don Wexler from Mad River Paths approached Russ Bennett to see if he would be interested in making Red Hen/Camp Meade a loading hub for their proposed Mad River Path that will run continuously from Warren to Middlesex. The plan is to use existing public right of ways on Route 100 which are 10 feet wide. There is a planning committee already organized that has obtained a $84,000 engineering/consulting grant. The Board of Directors and Advisory Committee has members from each town. The southern terminus is in Warren and Misha and Don are hoping Middlesex village would become the northern terminus. Russ agreed that Camp Meade would be a good spot for the northern terminus and is willing to help. Misha and Don are hoping the Middlesex Select Board will embrace the concept of a northern terminus in the village. At present, Middlesex would not have to do anything else. If each town on the path approves the concept of the corridor the group can begin to apply for federal funds and get on regional and state priority lists. It is a long range project that will begin in Warren and move northward. The estimated cost is one million dollars/mile, they expect two applications/year, so they might build two miles/year. The Trails Committee agreed to help move this project forward. It will be taken to the Conservation Commission at their next meeting on February 24 and if they approve the concept, it will be taken to the Select Board on March 11.

Sign pointing to Hunger Mountain to be posted on North Bear Swamp Road - Mitch has ordered the sign and is waiting for it to come in. He has also done an inventory of missing town road signs for Eric Metiever to order.
Information on who owns bridge on Davy Road trail - no new information
Report on updated trails map - https://www.whatsnextmiddlesex.org/trails.html - Sara Moulton is working on an open source map for apps like Gaia maps.

Next steps on Galaxy property - Adrienne wil contact Russ Bennett to find out what his timing is to begin building on the land. Once we know that we can think about trails in the area.

The next Trails Committee meeting is **March 10, 2025**, second Monday of the month.

8:00 Adjourn