

The Barrington Trails Committee met at the new town hall on 12/13/22.

Meeting was called to order at 6:34pm.

Present: Chair Charlie Tatham, Denis Beaulieu, Jack Gale, John Wallace, Ted Bergeron, Betsy Heron, Anne Melvin

Minutes of 11/15 were accepted as amended.

Old Business:

Updates: The 12/10 weekend walkabout on the Town Forest led by the "Christmas Squirrel" Jack Gale was successful with 19 participants.

Trails projects for BMS Industrial Technologies students have not yet been set up. We are hoping they will want to build Aldo Leopold benches. We discussed the money left in this year's budget could be spent on material for the Leopold benches and towards repair of the Town Forest benches. Denis said his son Brian was interested in replacing signs on the Winnie the Pooh trail where needed.

Our 2019 Citizen of the Year award will be hung in the new town hall.

We need to find out if the town road crew can plow some or all of our trailhead parking areas. Anne will contact Conner. Priorities: Goodwill, SATWaSR, Calef West, KOTR.

The Newhall logging is not finished so we can't do cleanup there yet. The logging at Goodwill is not completed yet either so we can't start making trails there until it is.

Liberty Mutual volunteer days are May 1-12. We discussed possible projects for them.

These possibilities were invasive removal at Calef east, building a new trail behind the Townhall, building trails on the new part of Goodwill if logging gets done.

We discussed where the location would be for the moonlight walk on 2/3/23 (weather permitting). As the SELT parking lot on 202 will be closed, it was decided to meet at the SELT Merry Hill Rd parking lot.

The 1/14/23 Weekend Walkabout will be led by Betsy Heron at the Gonic Trails.

New Business:

Beaver problem for abutter of Town Forest. The town forest beavers are destroying trees on the property of an abutter and have done extensive damage. Charlie will contact Conner about the problem. Our town forest being an official town forest makes this a problem.

The Bear, a post-apocalypse fable written by Andrew Krivak, is included in the NH Humanities reading program. The Trails Committee has been asked to be involved with this program. Anne will give a book report at the next Trails Committee meeting.

It was moved by John and seconded by Anne that we be involved in creating a suitable event for this program. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: 1/10/23 at the New Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Melvin, secretary