The Barrington Trails Committee  met at the new Town Hall on 1/10/23.
Meeting was called to order at 6:34.
Present: Chair Charlie Tatham, Betsy Heron, Ted Bergeron, John Wallace, Jack Gale, Anne Melvin
Minutes of 12/13/22 were accepted as amended.

Old Business:
Updates: In response to being asked if the town crew could plow our trailheads, Conner requested that the Barrington Trails Committee send a letter to the selectmen making that request. John will follow up.
The Citizen of the year plaque that we were given in 2019 will be hung in the large meeting room at the new Town Hall.
Budget money remaining will go towards materials for Aldo Leopold benches. there is enough money for six. Jack mentioned the Town Forest benches need repairing.
Charlie is writing the annual report.
Charlie reported the beaver problem continues at the Town Forest as it will take a while for the water to recede even though an opening was made in the dam.
Timber harvesting continues at Newhall, not started at Goodwill as the ground is not frozen.
Liberty Mutual volunteer days May 1-12: It was moved by John, seconded by Charlie that we request Liberty mutual to do invasive removal on Calef East without the use of herbicides. Motion was passed unanimously. This proposal is due March 3.
Jack and Betsy have completed their Trail Trekker Challenge and have received their badges. Congratulations Jack and Betsy!
Anne gave a book report on “The Bear”, a fable written by Andrew Krivak,  as we have been asked by the Barrington Library to create an event that demonstrates some of the themes of his book. Survival skills,  respect for the environment , use of astronomy and moon phases, knowledge of edible plants were all themes from which we could pick to discuss on a walk.
New Business:
Charlie brought in flyers and stickers found on and around the Goodwill kiosk coming from the National Alliance an alleged antisemitic organization based in Tennessee .
Samples were given to the Barrington Police Department who will notify the NH Attorney General as this literature has also been found in neighboring towns .
We discussed having a demonstration of how to build Aldo Leopold benches. Charlie could cut the pieces and demonstrate how to put them together on a hike. Denis will be asked to pick a good spot.
Ted brought in a good fundraising idea. we will have to find out if we are allowed to have a fundraising event.
Jack had an idea of putting up information on kiosks with QR codes that could be scanned to give maps for hikers.
Next meeting: 2/14/23
Respectfully submitted,
Anne Melvin, secretary