

The Barrington Trails Committee

meeting on 6/22/21

was held at the home of Elaine Sullivan at 256 Pond Hill Road, Barrington NH.

Meeting was called to order at 6:43pm.

Present: Chair Charlie Tatham, Elaine Sullivan, Jack Gale, Anne Melvin.

Minutes of 5/25/21 were accepted as written.

Old Business:

Updates: There were 14 at the 6/12 weekend walkabout led by Anne that included part of the Barrington Trail and the Ann Tibbetts Schulz Turtle Brook Sanctuary. A highlight was seeing two heron chicks in their nest. The 7/10 weekend walkabout will be on the Town Forest led by Charlie and Elaine, chosen as it will be a "walk in the shade".

We discussed the needs of new trails on Goodwill. Charlie suggested getting the Rotary Club to help with clearing the new ledge trail. SELT will be contacted for approval of all changes we are making.

Charlie reported on the new trail he made with Anne and Denis off of the Calef trail a little over a tenth of a mile long to the Isinglass. It was later raked by Anne, John, Jack and Charlie. Elaine suggested we name the trail River's Edge Trail.

Masks are no longer required on our hikes. Anne reported a complaint was lodged with IRLAC re: 10 tires left along the Isinglass on Rte. 202. Arrangements were made with Waste Management to send a truck to pick them up and dispose of them properly.

We will not set up a Rabbitat walk with Charlie Moreno due to scheduling problems at this time.

We discussed the progress made on the trail system on Brasen Hill Farm with the creation of new trails and naming of old and new trails. The Tailings area was cleared and blazed with blue. Jeb's Jaunt is the trail name Theo would like. The trails were laid out and named with the color to blaze them. This is Phase 1. Phase 2 will be the connection to SATWaSR . We also discussed rules we should post at Brasen Hill to protect the animals.

New Business:

Jack created a spreadsheet that is useful to see at a glance what has been done and what needs to be done on our trails. This spreadsheet, which was attached to the agenda, has now been brought up to date. Jack calls it a Trails Matrix.

Jack reported he learned at the last Conservation Commission meeting that there are town owned lots that could expand the Town Forest and Stonehouse Forest. The Con Comm voted to recommend that the Estes lot be purchased for \$50K to add 21 acres to the Town Forest.

Next meeting 7/27/21.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Melvin