

## **Barrington Trails Committee Minutes 8/24/21**

The Barrington Trails Committee meeting was conducted via Zoom due to lack of availability of meeting space. Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

Present: Chair Charles Tatham, Jack Gale, Elaine Sullivan, John Wallace, Anne Melvin

Minutes of 7/27 were accepted as written.

Old Business:

Updates: There were 6 on the 8/11 Rabbitat walk with Charlie Moreno. He reported that the soils in some parts of the Rabbitat were not good for the vegetation we want for the rabbits. There are some suitable areas. The area will have to be cleared in the future. NRCS could be asked for funding. We need to keep Rabbitat Road open in anticipation of future logging. The area between the second gate and the picture post has a lot of vegetation. This recommendation by Mr Moreno will be reported to the Conservation Commission.

Brasen Hill Farm trails are cleared now and easy to follow. Work is needed to create a bypass for a wet area. We are hoping trail signs will be made by middle school students. John Lines, the shop teacher will be asked. The names decided for two of the trails are Jeb's Jaunt and Tailings Trail.

New Business:

We will have work sessions on the Goodwill Conservation Area. The first work session will involve making the Pond View Spur and making and placing an Aldo Leopoldo bench there. Other work sessions will involve trail work and placing

a bench on the Beaver Pond Trail, trail clearing on Marika's Ledge Trail and placing a third bench on top of the ledges. AJ Dupere will be contacted to see if he has students interested in volunteering for trailbuilding. The Rotary Club has also been contacted requesting volunteers.

Charlie reported on the progress made on the road building on the Ross Road end of Goodwill. They are using crushed rock. John recommended that the parking lot be built when the loggers are there as the equipment will be there.

Charlie will get approval for the BYA gate sign at the access to the Barrington Trail.

The Weekend Walkabout "Go out with a blaze" on 9/11 will be led by Jack. Blazing will be done with suggestions by the participants for what trees to blaze. The 10/9 October fall foliage Weekend Walkabout will be led by Anne on Calef West. Elaine has adopted the Calef West trails.

The Trails Booklet will suspend having reissues until all new trails have been added.

Jack reported he saw a notice by Patrice Stephens that Strafford County Community Action Group will have family hiking on Tuesday pms.

The Disney Winnie the Pooh signs have been removed to John's basement.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Next meeting: 9/28/21

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Melvin