

Subject: Barrington Trails Committee Approved Minutes 1/11/22

The Barrington Trails Committee meeting on 1/11/22 was a hybrid meeting at the ECLC with Anne and Elaine attending by phone.

Meeting was called to order at 6:49pm.

Present: Chair Charlie Tatham, Jack Gale, Chadd Hippensteel, Denis Beaulieu, John Wallace, Ted Bergeron, Elaine Sullivan, Anne Melvin

Minutes of 12/14/21 were approved as written.

Old Business:

Updates: The December 18 Weekend Walkabout was successful with 14 attending in the Town Forest.

Trails booklet advertising has been removed from all kiosks. Our annual budget has been expended.

We have not heard from Liberty Mutual regarding our proposal for trail work. If they don't do our project we will ask for money from them.

A notice will be put on the kiosks and on the Con Com website to let people know the trails booklet is being updated. People will be encouraged to go to the website for maps and trail descriptions.

The moonlight walk is looking good. People will be encouraged to look at their emails to confirm time and date. The first date is Friday, January 14 with Saturday, January 15 as back up. As trails may be icy, people will be encouraged to wear traction devices.

Chadd gave an excellent presentation on the construction of water bars. The slogan is keep water off of the trails, keep trails out of the water. Water bars control erosion. The vegetation on the side of a trail can be altered by water flow. He gave information on different types of erosion and how different types of soil might be effected by heavy rain events. Prevention is the best way to control erosion.

We discussed how to proceed with the trail from Emerald Acres to Tibbetts Road. ATVs can only be controlled by Fish and Game. Hopefully Emerald Acres Park management can block their way into the leach field. We decided that this trail will not be part of the SATWaSR trail system.

We discussed gates on SATWASR. The Pinkham Rd gate needs repair. There needs to be a gate or some other type of blockage where Tibbetts Road ends at the power lines.

A proposal will be made to the conservation commission to pay for repair of the Pinkham gate and to block the Tibbetts Road end next to the power lines.

We identified trails where bog bridges or rerouting is needed: SB, Black Gum, Santa Claus, Rudolph's Run and the bridge trail that joins the two ends of Tibbetts Road.

We discussed the illicit trails found on Newhall and Stonehouse Forest.

John brought up past discussion of having a Trail Trek program where people can receive a certificate or badge if they walk all our trails.

Next Meeting: February 8, 2022 at the ECLC.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Melvin