

Draft Minutes
Kingston Conservation Commission

Trails Committee

9/27/2023

Kingston Community Library

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Present: Walt Roy, Bob Smith, Rick Russman, Ernie Landry, Clarissa Finks, Ryan Magnus and Greg Senko were joined by new members Tom O'Steen, Jim Faist and Paula Faist

Discussion of minutes:

Minutes from the August 30 meeting were accepted as written. MM&S.

Volunteer Forms:

Volunteer time log sheets for May, June and August were completed.

Acorn Town Forest:

Status update:

- The approach to the second, more northern bridge has irregular surface and is always mushy. That section of trail needs work.
- SELT is asking what action is being taken to remove the filled in stream just off the Red trail.

Next actions:

- The town can provide wood chips to treat the White trail. Greg will coordinate with the DPW to get the chips. A work session is scheduled for Thursday Sept. 21 at 8am to spread them on the trail.
- The filled in stream will be dealt with next season.

Valley Lane:

Status update:

- Another tree is down near Red and Orange Trail intersection.
- Greg, Walt and Peter walked out to the proposed bridge location and confirmed it is the most suitable site along the new trail. The bank-to-bank distance will require a 24' bridge.

Next actions:

- Work sessions to build the new bridge are planned for Oct. 13, 19 and 27 at 8am. Access will be via the ROW to the ACTF from 72 Hunt Road. The property owner has given permission to the TC for access to the ROW. A notice of the planned work dates was sent to the property owner.

Frye Town Forest:

Status Update:

- The new kiosk was installed on 9/16 by Walt, Ryan and Greg.

Next actions:

- No plans at this time.

Ahl/Noyes:

Status: The trails are in good condition and no work is needed.

Sargent:

Status update:

- The fill still needs to be removed from the wetlands area near the “power line elbow”.
- A game camera to monitor the parking area was installed 10/1.

Next Actions:

- The filled in area will be dealt with next season.

West Kingston Town Forest:

Status update: The trails are in good condition and no work is needed.

Manuel Property:

Status update: The trails are in good condition and no work is needed.

New Business:

Work Session Schedule:

As noted above.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm

Next meeting: October 25th at 7pm