

Minutes
Kingston Conservation Commission
Trails Subcommittee
8/25/2021

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

Present: Greg Senko, Bob Smith, Geof Harris, Ernie Landry, Walt Roy

Discussion of minutes:

Minutes from the April meeting were accepted as written. Motion by Ernie, seconded by Geof.

Time Sheets

Volunteer Time Logs from April through July were missing from some participants. Greg filled them out before the meeting and collected signatures.

ATV Training:

Greg does not yet have a date from the Highway Department for ATV training.

Acorn Town Forest:

Ron Klemarczyk has not yet marked the trees and skidder tracks for the timber harvest bidding.

There is a tree down across the southern side of the Red Trail. Geof volunteered to remove it.

West Kingston Town Forest:

On the recent monitoring walk it was observed that one of the rocks at the left side of the gate had been moved for an ATV to get through. There are recent tracks to the area furthest from Rockrimmon where the stone wall had previously been taken apart along the western boundary. Several stones had recently been moved. A game cam has been moved to the area.

There is some trash near the same stone wall that needs removing. It is located in the area of the stone wall breach closest to Rockrimmon. There is a window and a section of deck railing.

Valley Lane:

Two 20' and one 12' bridge have been redecked so far. Two more 12' bridges will be redecked this year. The next to be worked on is on the Red Trail proceeding counterclockwise and after the handrail bridge. The lumber has already been moved to there. Work session to be scheduled.

Frye Town Forest:

The bridges were cut down to a lower height and entrances and exits were ramped. They were also reinforced to make the deck planks less uneven and less bouncy.

Ahl/Noyes Property:

The bridge has been completed and the trail has been marked and mapped.

Sargent Property:

The parking lot project has been approved. Rich St.Hilaire is helping with purchasing the gate. The old posts will be recycled. The next step is to clear the brush, limbs and small trees that have grown over the parking area. Then the area will be scraped and resurfaced by the highway department. They will also install the new gate. Work session to be scheduled.

Manuel Property:

The BOS has approved the cartop boat launch. The next steps are to purchase the signs, clean up the put-in site and then for the highway department to bring some rocks and create pullover/bypass lanes on Green Road.

New Business

Alessio Property - SELT is working on purchasing the Alessio property to the west of Valley Lane (Map R-001, Lots 6 and 7 totaling 25.3 acres) using mitigation funding from the 266 Route 125 project. The purchase is expected to be completed by the end of the year. The plan is for the land to be given to the Town of Kingston with a SELT easement similar to the Valley Lane easement. The land abuts conservation property in Plaistow.

Project ideas for 2022. Kiosks, develop trails on Alessio Property, off-road wheelchair bridge on Sargent, re-establish trails on Acorn after timber harvest, Acorn bridge between red and orange trails, Valley Lane Blue Trail bridge.

Work Session Schedule:

Valley Lane – Sunday Aug 29 8am – Redeck bridge

Sargent – Tuesday Sept 7 8am – Clear brush and limbs from parking area

To Do List

Valley Lane cleanup, cut back brush

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm

Next meeting: Sept 29 at 7:00 pm