

Barrington Trails Committee
Barrington Elementary School Library
March 8, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm

Present: Chair Charlie Tatham, John Wallace, Denis Beaulieu, David Smith, Marika Wilde, Anne Melvin, Guest: Elaine Marhefka

Elaine Marhefka describes herself as a teacher of Outdoors Investigations. She has gathered a group of 10 mothers and children, has put together science kits for the children for which she charges a fee. She came to the Trail Committee meeting to find out if her group could help us or if we could help her. We discussed our trails and what might be of interest to the children such as vernal pools, heron nests, Winnie the Pooh Trail. Denis talked about Dover trails.

Old Business:

Input on trailhead parking. Anne reported Strafford was able to pay for plowing as their Town Forest had a trail maintenance fund donated by a town resident which we do not have. We have been fortunate as the town has plowed out the trailheads when we have a special event. We will leave it at that.

Results of Trails Survey

As expected, people preferred we have our hikes on weekends. People wanted some less formal walks. They wanted walks with themes: Wildlife, botany, history interested them, not hikes for children. They wanted a variety of lengths of hikes. The consensus was that the results of the survey not be put in the Town Common.

What to place on kiosks

It was discussed that the Trail Use Policy needed to be on the kiosk as well as trail maps which needed to be larger. Strafford Regional Planning Commission might help make those. Other suggestions included information on how to obtain information from the Con Comm website re: wildlife seen on the property and what wildlife habitat was being protected.

Trails Booklet updates are ongoing. John is researching printers. The size the booklet should be was discussed. It will have to be larger than the original James Schulz booklet so that maps can be bigger.

Calef Preserve Parking Lot Update is still ongoing.

New Business:

Easement monitoring volunteers: People have shown interest and will be asked to test drive trails.

Next Barrington Trails Walk is 5/1/16. Dan Hubbard will lead a bird walk at Brasen Hill.

What to accomplish in 2016: Please bring in your to do lists to the next meeting which is 4/12/16 at the Barrington Elementary School Library. I will send out John's list as a reminder.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Melvin