

Hanover Conservation Trails Committee
Agenda, Tuesday September 10, 8:30AM, Black Center

After meeting (10:30) site Visit to Rabinowitz, last house on Elm Road, to view proposed rerouting of Wolfeboro/Elm foot-travel connection.

Conservation Commission will visit proposed bridge site on Goodwin bike loop at 4:00 PM, Monday September 9, in connection with application for a wetlands permit. Public is welcome. Meet at Goose Pond end of North Tunis Road. (The Trails Committee has already endorsed the project.)

Small items

- South Esker
- Piane Trail
- Rinker Tract
- Ridge Trail
- AT boundary hikes
- Trail corps
- General trail conditions

New signposts

Trail jobs list

- Elm/Wolfeboro site visit

Other business

Next meeting October 8

Hanover Conservation Trails Committee Minutes, June 11, 2013

Present: Ron Bailey, Tom Linell, Doug McIlroy, Bill Mlacak, John Taylor, Peter Shumway

Short items

Ridge Trail workday. On a perfect day, May 14, committee convened on Moose Mountain instead of its normal monthly meeting. Mlacak, Taylor and Bailey were joined by Alv Elvestad, Alan Strickland, Cathie Redpath, Elizabeth Allen, in two parties worked from either end to clear four miles of trail between Pasture Road and Route 4, Enfield. Only one log remains across the trail.

Linell noted that Mount Washington can be seen not only from the Mascoma Peak ledge, but also from the next ledge north, by venturing off trail to the ledge's southern extremity.

Goodwin bike trail. The UVMBA proposes to bridge a stream crossing on the Goodwin Bike Loop. Taylor pointed out that the crossing was deliberately placed away from a particularly scenic spot where it had been located on original plans. The committee endorsed the proposal. McIlroy will bring the subject to the Commission.

Linell asked whether the planned parking lot could be plowed in winter for access to skiing.

South Esker. Taylor confirmed a citizen's report of treacherous footing on the benched section of trail near the Spencer Road trailhead, and added that it tends to be icy in early spring. The problem will be added to the jobs list.

McIlroy said that Spencer Road residents had complained about unruly traffic to the trailhead, and asked that it be closed. The police department is making traffic surveys, including automated speed measurements.

Pine Park. Bailey said Pine Park was more seriously "hammered" by a storm than any time in the last 30 years. Dartmouth College cleared the windfall. He suggested that the unsightly remains could be chipped.

Fullington Farm Trail. Taylor asked whether the Friends of Hanover Crew were improving the steps at the trail's north end. McIlroy said no, their construction does not touch the area of the trail easement.

Projects

New signposts. Vicki Smith has usage decals for the new Rhino signposts, but the form trail identification on the posts is still undecided. McIlroy contacted the state-prison sign shop about heavy plastic and found they only make metal, or light plastic that would have to be mounted on other material. Pros and cons of white on brown or black on yellow were discussed, and even red. McIlroy will make some mock-ups for the next meeting.

Ridge Trail. Linell said there are two big logs down north of Goss Road Extension. McIlroy said blazing needs to be completed on the new trail section and its intersection with Pasture Road needs to be made more obvious.

Linell has marked a detour from the wet section near Pasture Road. Landowner permission would be needed to open it, however.

Rinker accessl poison ivy. Steps would improve the main entrance from Route 10. McIlroy said he's reluctant to ask volunteers to work there because of poison ivy. It is not clear how the town might fight poison ivy, which also infests Mink Brook west and the AT trailhead on Trescott Road. DPW does not want to get involved with herbicides and it is illegal for non-licensed persons to apply them except on their own property.

Other business

Taylor said UVTA will run a trail corps group for two weeks in July in conjunction with Hanover High School. There will be an educational component and a work component, which may involve the Great Hollow Trail or Highway 38, as well as Gile Mountain in Norwich.