

Recreation Commission- Post Pond Path Subcommittee
9/28/10

We made some good progress at last night's meeting of 9-28-10. The meeting started at 7 PM and ended at 7:50 PM. My thanks to those who came.

Present were: Dave Celone, Russell Hirschler, Alix Howell, Caroline Howell, Ben Hudson, and Colin Robinson.

Notes from the meeting include:

Colin presented Memo of Understanding that he drafted with language provided by Russ Hirschler and the Upper Valley Trails Alliance. Discussion ensued.

Discussion about redesign of trail by Ben Hudson. Proposed trail has now been moved farther from the house.

Dave presented trail depiction as drawn by Tracy Flickinger showing gated entry section to a wide dirt trail with bicyclists.

Alternative trail options discussed including a trail from the SHF trails to south end of pond then onto Post Pond Lane to North Thetford Rd . to Rte. 10, and a trail from the Town Offices along east side of Rte. 10 then crossing the road to the Pond. The former option is more viable but it's a wet trail, and somewhat remote. Crossing Rte. 10 was not seen as an option, though going under the road with an 8 foot culvert was discussed (similar to what was done in Holderness) and dismissed.

Some discussion around who should approach the landowners. Nothing decided.

Agreed that we have plenty of time to do the following:

1. Talk with Selectboard to ask them to: a) support the proposed trail and b) approach the Lyme Conservation Commission re: the LCC taking responsibility for trail maintenance through volunteer efforts and to get a letter from the LCC stating it will oversee trail maintenance. Dave will attend an upcoming Selectboard meeting to discuss.
2. Obtain landowner testimonials from Lyme landowners who have public trails on their land. Alix, Colin, and Ben will approach people they know.

Ben will send out the new trail route.

Agreed that the premise of this trail is to provide a SAFE ROUTE FOR CHILDREN to get from the Town to the Pond and back. Safety is the key factor driving this proposed trail. Rte. 10 is not safe for kids on bikes and there have already been accidents on that road.

Next meeting date to be determined.

Submitted by Dave Celone on 9-29-10