

BIKE PATH SUB-COMMITTEE

2011/11/15

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Meeting start: 6:10 PM

Location: Lyme School Conference Room

Present were Ben Hudson, Russell Hirschler, Matt Stevens, Kathy Wohlfort, Colin Robinson, and Dave Celone.

We met tonight and decided it is worth moving forward to approach the key landowner one more time. I'll ask Elise to consider this email as Minutes of the meeting.

Discussion re: trail placement across Loch Lyme Lodge property followed by discussion of how best to approach the one landowner who has thus far not agreed to let the trail cross his/her property.

Discussion then focused on approaching the key landowner. Once Ben has updated the map of the round the pond trail loop, I'll talk with a person who knows landowner well to ask if they'll consider siting the trail on their property. Asking what we need to make this trail a reality will be a key question. Also, the following points are important:

1. This trail is for the safety of Lyme children to get them off Rte. 10 when traveling to and from town to Post Pond by bike or walking.
2. There is no landowner liability.
3. It is only to be used as a bike/walking trail.
4. The town will clean and maintain the trail with volunteer help.
5. There are several town groups in favor of this trail, plus a fairly broad cross-section of people on the Bike Path Group

When approaching landowner, have the following documents in hand:

1. Drawing of gated trail (by Tracy Flickinger)
2. Map (by Ben Hudson)
3. Trail Agreement (by Colin Robinson and Russell Hirschler)

keeping in mind that the safety of the town's children is the reason for having this trail.

Also noted is that this trail is not to be used as a ski trail, and that the possibility exists for it to be open only in late spring/summer/early fall when rec programs are active.

Further discussion ensued.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Celone