

Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2016

Present: Kelton Burbank, Deb Cary, Phil Gransevitch, Karen Rossow, Rick Gardner

Not Present: Kim Houde

1) Minutes from September 2016 were approved.

2) Trail Around Princeton

- We discussed two approaches to Trails project:
 - Trail Around Princeton (TAP): To continue to work on designing the large loop trail on getting landowner approval and building the trails
 - Trail Maps: To create maps of trails within town.
- Agreed that we should work on both of these. Rick will work on the trail maps this winter, will try to build each month for review by the team. Trail maps will include public trails but will also show informal trails as a way to progress on TAP.
- Kelton is still working on getting full approval from Wachusett Mountain management. Dennise owes us some feedback on this. Also still working on trying to engage at the state level with DCR (Jonathan Yu) and with representatives (Kim Ferguson or Anne Gobi).
- We discussed the idea of organized regular walks through Princeton trails. Deb and Karen will take this on. We agreed to collaborate on developing a list of trail walks, then set up as schedule for Sunday mornings.
- Our short term to-do list is:
 - Kelton: Continue to work on Wachusett Mountain approvals
 - Kelton: Continue to work on state level contacts (Gobi, Ferguson, Beaton)
 - Kelton: Follow up with Dave Smith re meeting with Jim Hillis.
 - Kelton: Contact Dwight Davenport re approval to use his property to get from Lyons Rd to Savage Hill property.
 - Deb: Contact Clayton Mosher (perhaps through Justin Griffin) re access through his property.
 - Deb: Contact Appells (Calamint Hill Rd property adjacent to Fieldstone Farm) to see if we can go through that property.
 - Karen and Deb: Organize Sunday AM trail walks for 5-6 trails this winter.
 - Whole team: Send suggestions to Karen and Deb for the walks!
 - Rick: Begin mapping project for all Princeton Trails
 - Rick: Follow up meetings with Steve Kessler, Justin Griffin, and teams to continue exploration of west-side trails.

3) Fieldstone Farm

- Rick met with the conservation commission to walk the FF property south of Rte 62. We discussed possible trail routes.
- Planned a follow-up to this walk, with Brian Keevan, Brett Trowbridge, and Steve Kessler/Bruce Weinstein group for November 20th to begin laying out trails.

- The discussion is to build a trail from the Eastern-most field, west of Goulding property out to the beaver pond, then across the wetlands north of the pond over to the existing trail that Deb Cary laid out, and then perhaps back to Rte 62.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the town hall annex.