



Town of Weare

Trails Subcommittee

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TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE – SEPTEMBER 2, 2014 DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Present: Dave Ward, Jeff Jackson, Wendy Stevens

Guests: None

Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm.

I. Goals of group

During the discussion it was determined that some short term attainable goals would be good to have in place. A trail ready for winter for cross country skiing that could also be used for biking and walking in the summer months. There are a few mountain bike groups that could be contacted to help out. It was decided that, upon board approval, the first project will be the Eastman property. We will use and improve the main trail and attempt to mark and cut a trail to the High School. Following that, developing loops off the main trail on the property to expand the number of trails. Priority will go to mountain biking, hiking, snowshoeing and cross country skiing as these trails have a wide spectrum of users and with the mountain bike community, possibly some help in the development.

II. Signs

Closely following the report on the Wood property, the group, with the board's approval, would like to develop standardized signs that will be used on all the towns property. See the Kiosk spec that exactly duplicates the kiosk at the Wood property. Informational sign spec will follow. These would be used on the trails. Kiosk will remain welcoming to the public while official "don't do" signs will be posted at trail heads. Kiosk pricing is in the works.

III. Outreach

We discussed an outreach campaign to groups of possible trail users. Once a list has been compiled an introductory letter will be created and approved by the board. It will be and mailed or emailed out introducing the trails group, our goals and asking for input and participation.

IV. Needed work

It was noted that Poor farm trail needs work.

V. Increased Security

Discussion was had as to how we could deter vandalism and land misuse in troubled areas of public lands. Possibilities were discussed and it was decided that we would speak to law enforcement.

regarding how to better monitor these areas where repeated offenses are occurring. Law enforcement will be contacted regarding the issue.

VI. Active or Passive group

A conversation was had as to whether the trails subcommittee would physically build trails/projects and do work or if we would simply plan, organize and oversee projects. It was decided that the group would be an active group, do work but when needed would put work out to bid. We will also look to utilize other local organized groups to assist in the effort.

VII. Mission Statement

The group worked on the wording of the mission statement.

VIII. Web Site

It was decided that if the board agrees we should purchase the domain Weare-Trails.org. We will use this as our official email and in the future will develop a web site to promote the trails.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no minutes to review.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Ward