

Trails Committee draft minutes 8/12/21

attending members: Rudi Rudell, Ellen Hosford, Jonathan Bicknell, Betsy Gaiser, Susan Salster

Planning commission members: Laura Ginsberg, Brenda Fields

Conservation Commission member: Maureen McCullough

Public attendees: Betty Brown, George White, Liz York, Wright Frost, Matt Frost

Call to order by Sec. Jonathan Bicknell 6pm

Public comment by George White. Trails proposal to retain the right of the people of Tunbridge to use the roads and trails for all supportable uses.

First order of business: To reorganize due to the resignation of Anne Linehan who resigned as chair in July.

- Discussion of the offer of support from the Planning Commission chair Laura Ginsberg
- Motion to elect Jonathan Bicknell as Chair. Seconded and passed
- Motion to elect Betsy Gaiser as Secretary . Seconded and passed.
- Report from Laura regarding legal council retained to review proposed legal trail policies.

Subcommittee updates:

-Update from Rudi who met with a state wetlands ecologist and Laura Ginsburg to review the Crossroad legal trail drainage and water course issues. Noted information included “non jurisdictional” areas and discussion of erosion mitigation methods that are not considered “alteration”. State ecologist Pat Ross recommended to assess “stream alteration”. State review of the Moody-Orchard Rd legal trail recommended.

-Discussion of the August 27th deadline for the VOREC grant application proposed to be used for planning purposes and partnered with the RVC (?) grant application.

-Recommendations based on draft findings from the Community/Communications subcommittee to the selectboard based on land abutter outreach they have conducted.

-Recommendation from the Conservation Commission about the need to be inclusive to the interests of the general public of Tunbridge when working on committee documents.

Legal trails information sheet update. No action taken. Work on this one page document planned to be distributed to every resident in town will resume at the next meeting.

Next meeting tentatively planned for Thursday, Aug. 26, 2021 at 6:00pm at the fairgrounds.

Adjourned at 7:00pm