

Draft minutes Trails Committee 7/14/2022, Tunbridge Public Library

Present: Members: Jonathan Bicknell, Sue Salster, Kevin Rose, George White, Betsy Gaiser, Dan 'rudi' Ruddell; Public: John Echeverria, Michael Sacca

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Public Comments:

John Echeverria: continues to hold hope for perceived 'win-win' resolution, has commissioned additional reconnaissance survey from Jeff Parsons on proposed alternative route that he hopes would replace Legal Trail LT-3 ROW. Offered a number of details of his understanding of this report and will convey it when he receives the completed report

Michael Sacca: feels strongly that Orchard Rd LT-3 is a public ROW, does not support notion of compromises such as a briefly discussed notion of permitting requirement for non-residents

Town Garage Lot trails (town forest):

Kevin distributed a rough first draft of Trail Map (indicating basic trail route and icon for Parking area), requests input on a number of questions before proceeding further:

- Black & White? Color
- Likely users?
- Digital? Print? Town website? Elsewhere?

Kevin GPS'd the trail route and noted there is still a very healthy tick population; brief further discussion amongst committee regarding possible re-route of portions of trail away from tall grass to avoid worst tick areas, otherwise may require more frequent maintenance/mowing (when Mike Hebb came to discuss Strafford trails with us he noted trying to keep trails located in wooded areas for this reason)

Kevin will continue to annotate the Map as we answer some of the questions noted, establish a better parking area delineation

Currently a need for signage, several possibilities discussed that will be further investigated and reported on at next meeting

Hope to schedule a Volunteer Day on Town Garage Lot trails at next meeting of Trails Committee

Orchard Rd follow-ups:

Brief discussion of 6/17/2022 trail walk initiated with intention to discuss observations of walk

Motion to enter Executive Session under **1 V.S.A. § 313 (a)(1)(E)** moved and seconded. Motion failed to achieve approval of majority of Trail Committee members present and further discussion was truncated

Discussion of 6/17/2022 walk and proposal development planned for next meeting

Next meeting scheduled for August 11, 2022, 6 pm

Meeting adjourned 7:03 pm