

September 8, 2022

Trails committee meeting at Tunbridge Public Library

Sue Salster, Kevin Rose, George White, Jonathan Bicknell, dan 'rudi' ruddell

Public: John Echeverria

Public comment: John walked town forest trail – got a bit lost, found 'gorge'; takeaway from ensuing discussion: NEED SIGNAGE

Jonathan talked to Mike Hebb about signs: rough estimate \$20/sign

George wonders if blazes will work; further discussion about attendant issues

Sign and post at beginning of trail desired at minimum – should clarify degree of difficulty for users

rudi to add discussion of kiosk (extra wood from pavilion milling?) and signs at next Town Forest Committee meeting

Biggest issue: SIGN AT ENTRYWAY

Sue reminds that Conservation Commission and Town Forest Committee are planning events:

Oct 1 – trees with Paul Harwood

Nov 12 – history with Izzy Provoncha

Dec 3 – tracking with Lynn Levine

Jan 7 – fire building with Eliza and Brenda

Trails committee will work on early November work day for blazing/markings trails

User engagement forums

Walkers, bikers, riders

Brainstorming sessions for each group?

Town Forest trail is ~1.5 mi; George and Sue think likely to be under-utilized- marginal interest to bikers, horses

John: consider landowners as an interest group; Mike Hebb sets an example as an ambassador, thanks landowners profusely

Sue: new landowners in town OK with use, but did not want trails posted in any sort of public forum or literature; Have an ambassador? Woodstock uses this model

Dilemma of local user groups vs volume of open, popularized public use

Jonathan: gone for 20 years, came back and shocked by how much land was posted; then bought land and has had issues, realized why people post; challenging issue from all directions

General consensus to postpone listening sessions to winter: January-February-March

December: Start with walkers, naturalists

January: skiers, snowshoers

February: bikers

March: horseback riders

Meeting adjourned 6:54pm