

Trails Committee Meeting Notes 5-11-23

Trails Committee Members Present:

Jonathan Bicknell

Susan Salster

Kevin Rose

Public Present: Brenda Fields, Elisse Gabriel, David Gabriel, Ellen Hosford, Betty Brown, Maureen McCullough, Amy Frost

Called to order at 6pm

Agenda:

No Public comment

Review of Listening Series

- Clear interest in connecting trails. Need to explore with landowners
- Digital map and physical map. Start with cross country skiers but look beyond
- Need to assess how public

Review of talk by Meredith Naughton (wildlife biologist)

- Survey needed for town forest on what wildlife is present
- In June Dave Paganelli will help with guidelines
- Intentional with forest areas and to avoid trails along the river.

Recommendation for Selectboard regarding public/private partnerships regarding trail access includes the following:

- Mike Hebb in Strafford does not have signed agreements with landowners and highlights the limited liability for landowners
- The example VAST agreement highlights the limited liability, offers to defend the landowner in the case of a claim, offers extended liability insurance in the area of maintenance
- Share recommendation from VLCT

Topics for next meeting

- Tour of Newbury Town Forest
- Rollout of plans for connecting trails

Adjourned at 7:00