

Loudon Trails Subcommittee  
Monday, March 25, 2024 – 4 PM  
Charlie's Barn, 29 South Village Road, Loudon, NH 03307

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees**

Sandy Blanchard	Deb Eastman-Proulx
Martha Butterfield	Lynda Caine
John Mesick	Nancy Huckins
Dave Emerson	Laura Vincent
Kevin Healey	Joan Zito
Stephen Smith	Dean Murray

**Central NH Regional Planning Commission Staff: Vincent Pagano**

**1. Call to Order and Introductions**

- Meeting convened at 4:00 PM
- Introductions

**2. Review 2/26/24 Meeting Minutes**

- DRAFT minutes had been emailed to members present
- There were no additions/corrections to the proposed Minutes
- The minutes were voted on and accepted

**3. N'Dakinna**

- After GPSing the 2 new trails, Martha was unable to forward the information
  - Therefore, the 2 new trails still need to be GPS'd
- Scenic view point for future bench has been cleared

**4. Kirby Tract**

- Remaining materials for the 2<sup>nd</sup> bridge were purchased
  - Materials have been cut up, routed, drilled, labeled and are ready to go
  - Need granite for steps
    - Sandy will check with the Road Agent
    - Ask around town – post on social media
    - If none available, \$58 is needed to purchase wood/materials for steps
- Area needs to dry out before bridge materials can be transported in
- Steve and John will prep area and take care of any trees in the way
- Bridge will probably take a couple of days to build – plan is to do this in April
- John will send out an email when things have dried out
- John spoke with a neighbor/abutter about the new bridge placement
  - Abutter is fine with the bridge going in but would like small trees transplanted for screening

**5. Bachelder**

- Main bridge that was damaged by a fallen tree has been repaired and is very secure
  - Sandy noticed a turkey tail mushroom growing on the pressure treated wooden bridge; moisture concerns
- Stepping stones, instead of bog bridging, can be used on the trail next to the 3 snowmobile bridges
  - Area debris needs to be cleaned out
  - Stones can be moved with a come along
  - Need to wait for things to dry out
  - Reblaze once stones are in place
- Group walk took place on a proposed new trail
  - Consensus is that it would make a great addition to the existing trail system
    - Interested in getting wildlife impact report/action plan map on the area – Vincent to send
  - Needs to be walked more
- ATV activity reported where the Yellow Trail enters Bachelder Trails. No ATV signs have been put up in that area. We can't, however, prohibit ATVs from using the snowmobile trail.

**6. Epp's Mill**

- Steve and Sandy cleared downed trees/branches
- Trail map is faded; Vincent to print a new one

## **7. Lovejoy**

- Martha has cleared the rerouted section of the White Trail by the stone wall
  - This new section needs to be blazed
  - Directional arrow to be added
  - Leave old section of the trail as is? People can go either way?
- Orange Trail
  - Martha has been working on this and moving a section to higher ground
- Red Trail
  - Needs to be designated a different color as there is already a Red Trail at Lovejoy. Perhaps green – same as at Kirby?

## **8. Nex Trex**

- Getting close to 1,000 lbs. for the next bench
- Keep the plastic coming!

## **9. Rec Trail**

- A section of the trail is under water; look at this in the summer to see if the trail needs to be rerouted to higher ground

## **10. Financial – John Mesick**

- \$353 left in ARP COVID 19 funds
  - Estimated future expenditures:
    - Concrete blocks to raise bridge at Kirby: \$18
    - Materials to secure main bridge at Kirby: \$91
    - Materials to secure 2<sup>nd</sup> bridge at Kirby: \$22
    - If granite pieces are not available for steps at the 2<sup>nd</sup> bridge at Kirby, Wood and materials for steps: \$58
    - Thompson Water Seal (5 gallon) for bog bridging boards: \$77
  - Balance remaining would be \$87

## **11. Volunteer Hours (Martha)**

- Bachelder Trails – 519
- Epps Mills Trails – 237
- Kirby Tract – 736
- Lovejoy Trails – 650
- Recreation Trail – 36
- N'Dakinna – 675

## **12. Regular Trail Visit Checklist**

- Final Reporting for 2023/2024 Q4 (Dec-Feb)
- Reporting began for 2024/2025 Q1 (Mar-May)

## **13. Other Business**

- Dave Emerson updated us on the Canterbury/Kimball Pond Trail project
- Mike Boisvert and Jon Normand came to the last Conservation Commission Meeting
  - Conservation Comm. has no problem with us working with them on their trails
  - Trails need to be GPS'd with way points
    - Info can then go to Vincent for maps to be made
  - Boisvert-Normand Nature Conservancy Trails can be added to the:
    - Loudon Town Website
    - QR Coding
    - Google Maps
  - Conservation Comm. to pay for the 911 Street # signage at the trailhead
- Vincent reported that the QR codes to date have been updated
- Vincent also reported that the Central Regional Planning and Loudon Trail info has been updated and is in sync
- Vincent printed out maps of Loudon and a few neighboring towns that shows some of the following: conservation land per town, Tax Assessing Data, Ownership of land, current trails, wetlands, streams, lakes/ponds. We need to keep in mind, however, that some info derived from tax maps is inaccurate.

## **14. Next Meeting Date: April 26, 2024**

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM