Loudon Trails Subcommittee  
Monday, January 27, 2020  
Charlie’s Barn, 29 South Village Road, Loudon, NH

Meeting Minutes

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<td>Nancy Huckins</td>
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Central NH Regional Planning Commission Staff: Craig Tufts

1. Call to Order and Introductions
   - Meeting convened at 4:02 PM by Sandy Blanchard

2. Review 11/25/19 Meeting Minutes
   - DRAFT minutes had been emailed to members present
   - No changes were proposed either by email or at the meeting
   - Minutes were voted on and accepted

3. Maps, Fliers, Online Maps, etc.

   Maps/Online Maps – Lovejoy Trails
   - Craig Tufts reported that the pdf. map is on the Loudon Town website
   - Martha’s work reports are also on the Town website under “Loudon Trails”
   - Lovejoy Trails is now on the Trail Finder app

   Fliers – Bachelder and Lovejoy Trails
   - Colored tri-fold fliers for each of the Bachelder Town Forest and Lovejoy Trails, consisting of a map on one side and the trail description on the other, were printed up using Conservation Commission funds. 20-25 of each were distributed to the Loudon Library and to the Town Offices. The remaining fliers are stored in a file cabinet at Charlie’s Barn.

4. Volunteer Hours (Martha) - Recorded since April 2019
   - Lovejoy Trails: 295 volunteer hours were recorded as of November 15. 2 more hours of trail maintenance were added bringing the total to 297 volunteer hours as of December 31, 2019.
   - Bachelder Trails: This trail was mapped, cleared and created in 2017 and 2018, before volunteer hours were recorded. However, 29 ½ volunteer hours were recorded between April 2019 and December 31, 2019.
   - It was suggested that our volunteer hours be included in next year’s Annual Town Report Conservation Commission write up.

5. Discussion on our existing trails – Are we ready to move on to the next? Is maintenance covered? Are more trails needed?
   - The committee feels that the trails are well maintained. We have several members who walk the trails regularly and will either clear the trail themselves, or seek assistance if needed.
   - We feel we are ready to move on and that there is a need at the existing Maxfield Road trail.
6. **Public Outreach/Survey**  
Do we want to do some public outreach for guidance on what we should work on?  
Concord Trail Survey (as an example)  
- We reviewed questions the City of Concord used in their survey. We thought it could be used as a basis, but that we wouldn’t need to be as detailed.  
- The surveys could be available online - Craig Tufts can help with surveymonkey; paper copies could be distributed throughout the town and provided at meetings; a link could be available in the Loudon Ledger; social media.

7. **New Trail Discussions – Review Map – mark up areas for zoomed in maps next meeting**  
- In the future when considering new trails, we will notify people who abut the trail. Harry talked with a land abutter at the Lovejoy Trail who was very appreciative of the trails and also of the Private Property signs that were posted after someone passed through their land.  
- It was suggested that we have someone from perhaps Fish and Game come talk to us about the Wildlife impact plan and how future trails can impact local wildlife. Craig Tufts has a map layering technique that he can use on our town map; this will be one of our first steps when we start to look at a new trail.  
- Craig Tufts brought in a large map of Loudon that outlined private property boundaries, State of NH properties, Conservation Land, Town owned land, etc. The committee decided that for the next meeting, Craig will bring in enlarged sections of the following areas to help us better plan for the future: Riley Trails in Concord, Schoodac and Maxfield Road.

- **Dawn Boon Trails**  
  - Sandy has sent a couple of emails but has not heard anything back. We will table this for now.

- **Oak Hill Trails**  
  - Still unknown who owns the property or maintains the Loudon Trail.

- **Shaw Road**  
  - This is across from Kenny Road and is a Class VI Road. Discussion about the availability of these roads for trails as they are not maintained by the Town.

- **Maxfield**  
  - This is off Maxfield Road. This area could be tracked using GPS. The trail starts in someone’s driveway, but it is a right of way and there is public access.

- **Howard Pearl property**  
  - The Pearls are working on getting this into easement. At Town Meeting, there will be a vote on whether or not some monies can be expended by the Conservation Commission to make this happen. Because it is still a working farm, they would entertain a trail on the outskirts of the property, however, when members of the Conservation Commission walked the land, they found a lot of wetlands there.

8. **Sanborn Farms Discussion**  
Molly Bolick from Sanborn Mills Farm spoke about their vision for adding trails at the Farm  
- They are interested in walking/hiking trails; not mountain biking at this time. The farm has the trails on their 2021 agenda, but would be open to getting them in sooner if possible.  
- There are many, many logging roads throughout the property. Forest Management Plan is in effect and property is being logged.  
- It is estimated that 2/3 of the land is in conservation easements  
- When asked whether the trails would be for public access or just farm visitors, she said thinking public. They are trying to open up the farm to bring more people in.  
- Parking would need to be addressed  
- Invited us to perhaps have our next meeting at the farm or a future gathering with Colin Cabot to obtain more specific information
Craig Mabie previously met with the then farm manager. They had talked about a Master Plan to include a landscape engineer. There are many layers of a Master Plan. The trails sub-committee may be able to help with some of the bottom layers of the plan.

We could start by using GPS to walk some of the logging roads. Craig Mabie will set something up and send out the date and time.

Long term suggestion to connect our existing Bachelder Town Forest Trail with a trail at the farm.

9. Other business?
   - Offering a public hike of trails. Bob Lyon suggested we discuss this again once the snow is gone.
   - Hiker sign for posting near the driveway entrance at Lovejoy Trails. Sandy didn’t find any Free signs. One can be purchased from Voss for around $10. We would need a post or something to put it on.

10. Next Meeting February 24

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 PM

Items for future consideration:
   - Kenney Road connection to Bachelder Trail
   - Lovejoy Trails routed wood sign for kiosk
   - Connecting Concord and Loudon Trails