Meeting Minutes

Attendees

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Central NH Regional Planning Commission Staff: Craig Tufts

1. **Call to Order and Introductions**
   - Meeting convened at 4:05 PM by Sandy Blanchard

2. **Review 10/28/19 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. **Lovejoy Trails**
   - **Range way – Sign, clearing, history, etc.**
     - Range way blow downs were cut to provide a trail/viewing area; there was a suggestion to make it a bit wider
     - Range Way ID – Add an arrow noting “Range Way” at the junction
     - Posting a “Range Way” descriptonal write up (such as the one going up on the Bachelder Trail)
     - Possibly adding an additional trail off the Range Way as it appears there is a path there that could have been used by sheep

   - **Abutter Issues – Private Land Signs**
     - After the Range Way was cleared, a person was spotted walking past the Range Way onto Private Property. After hearing about this, Martha purchased and posted 2 Private Property signs at the end of the Range Way.
     - Abutting property owners have also posted signs along the stone wall
     - Martha wrote and sent a letter to another property abutter, explaining the trails, and providing a map and tri fold write up
     - Harry is going to reach out to another abutter
     - In the future, we will get information from tax maps and contact abutters beforehand

   - **Lead Hike?**
     - We will plan to have a hike in the Spring and advertise in the Loudon Ledger

   - **Facebook**
     - Craig Mabie posted a map and write up of the Trails on 9 different Facebook groups. From just the Loudon Community Group, he had received 175 responses; with 170 being positive and extremely positive and with 5 negative that related to non-motorized vehicles and an abutter issue.
     - As there has been a lot of interest with the Lovejoy Trails on Facebook, Craig Mabie will post a reminder about the Bachelder Trail, to include a map and write up.
Updated Map
- Craig Tufts has added the Historic Range Way Trail in yellow
- Blue Loop will be renamed Highland Loop
- If we want a laminated map for the kiosk, it will cost $12
- Committee decided to wait until the Spring to reprint maps

Kiosk
- Peter Crouch previously said he would make a routed Lovejoy Trail sign for the kiosk; Sandy will contact him

Parking Lot
- Parking lot seems to be holding up real well; has been getting quite a bit of use
- The Town will take care of adding a tarred apron
- Discussion about adding a sign by the road with a hiker; Sandy will contact the Trails Division of the NH State Department of Natural Resources to see if they have anything appropriate

Town Website and Trailfinder
- Craig Tufts has the information and will work on this

Trifold, History Report
- Martha has given these (one for Bachelder and one for Lovejoy) to Julie Robinson to print
- We plan to distribute them at the Library, Elementary School, Town Office, Village Store, Post Office, and Laundromat

Getting the word out
- Is there a way to add Martha’s Trail reports to the Loudon website? Perhaps have a separate heading for Trails? Topic for discussion at a Conservation Committee meeting.
- Would the NH Association of Conservation Commissions be interested?

4. Thank You Letters
These were taken care of at the last meeting

5. Tri-Fold – Approved by Conservation Commission - DONE

6. Other Trail Discussions

Sanborn Mills Farm
- Craig Mabie met with a couple of people from Sanborn Mills Farm. They are looking to expand their volunteer capacity. One of their visions is to organize and formalize a multi-use trail system. Craig mentioned they would like this to be a community effort and told them about our Trails Subcommittee. Craig will be meeting with them again in the near future and will let us know when in case others are interested in going.
- Craig Tufts was inquiring whether this would be a public or private use area; something that will need further discussion if we are thinking of getting involved.

Dawn Boon Trails
- Sandy will reach out to Dawn to see if she can come to a meeting to see how we can help them out.
And, to see if there’s a way to make a connection with the Bachelder snowmobile trail.

Oak Hill Trails
- We need to find out who own this
Maxfield Trail
- This area needs some cleanup work. Has historical interest and overall sounds like a good project for next year.

7. **Bachelder**

   **Maintenance**
   - Bob Lyon recently took out a couple of blow downs. No further work is needed at this time.

8. **Volunteer Hours – Martha**
   - As to the Lovejoy Trails, Martha has recorded over 490 volunteer hours worked

9. **Public Outreach on Next Steps**
   - How to conduct outreach – See Section 3
   - List of existing trails we may want to make public
     - Maxfield Trail off Old Shaker Road

10. **Other Business**
    - Howard Pearl is working on getting a piece of land into easement. There’s a possibility of using the outside/exterior area of his property for a trail.
    - Adding tree identification postings at Lovejoy; Guess the tree, lift up the cover for answer.
    - Craig Tufts brought a large map of Loudon property lines. There are a few sections he will zoom in on for future trail projects.

11. **Next Meeting December 23?**
    - Discussion about changing this date

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM

Items for future consideration:
- Kenney Road connection to Bachelder Trail
- Survey town as to trail wishes