

HARDWICK TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, October 4, 5:30 pm

Trails Cabin

In attendance: Norma S, Norma and Ron W, Lenore and Wayne R, Kat and Dave M, Levi B, Eric R

1. Amend/adopt minutes of August 30, 2021

- Approved unanimously

2. Finalize Agenda Items

3. Updates:

A Signage (and dealing with theft ideas)

- 3 signs still missing
- Possible solutions:
 - Put signs up higher
 - Add "In Memory of..." or something to that effect

B. Earth Movers/Grant progress (Wayne & Eric)

- Blue trail work is complete
- Spent approx. \$5000, some will be paid out of capital budget, some reimbursed by grant
- Need to document approx. 500 volunteer hours
- Further work on trails north of Billings Rd put on hold due to Act 250 permit considerations--Eric R will pursue clarification

C. VOREC (awaiting word)

- next round winners to be announced this week

D. White Mountains Regional High School in Whitefield, NH

- Helen will give them a tour the weekend of Oct. 16.

E. Elementary School Conversation/Exploration

- Ron W will pursue

F. Forestry Program (Meghan)--no news

4. Pumpkin Walk Reflections & Celebration

A. Honorariums (Beth & Lisa)

B. Thank you letter(s)--Norma W will take care of

C. Overall a success despite the dreary weather and little publicity

5. Dog signage (Lenore)

- Unleashed dogs still a problem
- Need a campaign to get out the word that all dogs on trail must be on a leash
- Front Porch Forum announcements
- New signage with lots of signs?

6. Ski/boot stock -

A. Ordering

- a. Authorized up to \$3000 for new ski/boot/poles sets
- b. Need more adult sizes
- c. Eric will pursue

B. Rack access - is there a way to improve this?--will look into lowering racks

7. Financials (Norma S.)

- Still have some \$ in the Larry Michaels fund
- Approx. \$17000 in capital fund
 - Approx. \$5000 encumbered for trail improvements (some of which will be reimbursed via grant \$)
 - Need a new groomer? Eric and Wayne will look into

8. Other Business

- Propane needed...will order through town

9. Adjourn 6:55

Next meeting November 1st 5:30 at log cabin

Respectfully submitted,

D. Mitchell