

HARDWICK TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, March 6, 2023

5:30 pm meeting - email hardwicktrails@gmail.com for an invite VIRTUAL Format

In attendance: Eric R, Norma S, John T, Julia P, Norma and Ron W, Nancy S, Lenore and Wayne R, Alison B, Helen B, Dave M

1. Welcome

2. Adopt/Amend Minutes of February 6 Meeting ...will be addressed in next meeting

3. Additions to the agenda

4. Updates:

a. Trail conditions : good, a little soft

b. Billings Road Trail Access/Parking Project ...

- HED wants to build a warehouse up there...trail damage??
- Option on Shepard land is still open

c. deer wintering area?: Dave will check at HED mtg in April

d Saturday morning ski program

- 46 different participants
- Field trip to CoC next Saturday

e. Kiosk Efforts

- Alison and Helen met today
- Install 2 kiosks this spring
 - One at Hazen
 - One at LVRT
- What can we afford?
 - Use grant \$: Dave M will look at Northern Forest grant wording
 - Local source materials
- Labor
 - Service project for high schoolers?
 - GMTCC?
 - Volunteer workday?
 - Scout project?
- Design
 - Need to rot-proof it
 - Farm out to student project?
- HB and AB will be visiting site next Monday 4:30 at kiosk

f. Adaptive Sports special event planning effort (Emily Varvir)

- Planning an event for this spring?

g. Bike Rodeo - Rec Committee Lead...Jason will take over!

5. Financials: Norma Spaulding

- We're in good shape except for salaries
- Bought gooseneck hitch for Skandic

6. Craftsbury Outdoor Center March 11 Event

- 15 signed up so far
- Sponsored by trails committee and Rec committee (50/50 split expenses)

7. Preparation/work plan for LVRT/Hardwick Trails connector

- Single track access to Marlene Clark Fitness trail
- Use grant funds to finish up...gravel, excavator work, kiosk?
- Finish by July 4

8. Northern Forest Grant Opportunity for Shepard Land Development

- Is the MOU in place? Long-term agreement with Shepard family?
- Grant aimed at erosion remediation...Bunny Ear Jct may need some attention
- Aim grant request so bulk of \$ goes to Eastside and the rest goes to trail rerouting
- Motion to proceed approved unanimously
- Develop Green trail to handicap accessible trail? See VT Adaptive Sports

9. Other business

- Sell Snow Dog? Approved unanimously
 - Tell Casey to take off insurance
 - \$ will go back into budget
- Date for coin drop?
 - Someone needs to let town know what day in July
 - Need to apply for 2024

10. Adjourn 6:42

Next meeting April 3, 2023