

HARDWICK TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES
May 6, 2024

5:30 PM
CABIN - Hazen Union

In attendance: David M, Helen B, Eric R, Wayne R, Norma S, Norma W, John T, Max F, Kellen M

1. Adopt/Amend Minutes of April Meeting:

- approved with change of name for Adaptive Sports person

2. Additions to the agenda

3. Updates:

- Trail conditions
 - Drying up slowly
 - Single-track trails leaf blown by Hazen students!
- Signs: one sign down, JT will replace
- Town Map project
 - New town recreation and trail map to be posted at kiosk at train depot

4. New trail construction proposal & policy

- What is the process for approving new trails?
 - Trails are on three separate properties
 - Need prior approval from land owners
 - ER moves that we adopt a procedure to approve new trails...
 - Map trail
 - Flag trail
 - Bring to Trails committee
 - Approved unanimously
 - MF and KM will halt trail building until further notice

5. Financials: Norma Spaulding

- Donations keep coming in!
- T-Shirts still available
- Some \$ left (\$3100 in budget and \$2500 in grant)

6. Spring Programming

- Naturalists
- Adaptive Sports
- Medicinal plants walk
- Foraging walk
- Art walk
- 3 more bird walks scheduled

7. Trail side kiosk installation plan
 - Need culverts and stone
 - ER will bring excavator out to dig holes once we get culverts and stone

8. Use of VCF \$2500 flood recovery funds
 - Might need to keep \$500 in reserve
 - Must be spent by end of August 2024
 - Wood chips \$1700 for 120 yards
 - Storage may be an issue, DM will check with Todd D at Hazen
 - Drain pipes for water bars?
 - Will need to price out pipe, fabric, and stone
 - Will present next meeting

9. Accessible trail initiative proposal
 - Need to identify any trails that can be used this year for adaptive sports
 - Need to identify any trails that could be upgraded to accommodate adaptive sports
 - What can we do to make more trails accessible?
 - JT will consult with ASP
 - Funding opportunities exist out there...

10. Ski pick-up plan - Lakeview Elementary–JT and HB will figure out how to make this happen

11. Set date for Pot Luck/Strategic Planning meeting
 - June 3
 - GMTCC future/goals

12. Other business
 - Parking on Billings Rd
 - DM will contact town manager as how to proceed
 - Use capital funds

13. Adjourn 6:53