

## HARDWICK TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING

### AGENDA

Monday, December 9, 2024

Forestry Program Classroom

5:00-6:00 PM

Present: Corey, David, Norma S, John, Lauren, Eric, Wayne, Andy

1) Welcome!

2) Adopt/Amend Minutes John makes motion to approve minutes. Norma seconds motion.

3) Additions to the agenda?

4) Updates:

Kiosk Installation – No updates.

Adaptive Sports Partners Mapping (John Tuthill) – Dave and John have been talking with Carey. They mapped out 3 miles of single track and expecting to get plan for this, but haven't received it yet. Dave rode one of the a-mtb bikes. Carey took notes and pictures with plan and recommendations. Once they receive the plan, they'll present it to the committee. Would be great to look into adaptive skiing too.

Other?

5) Trails Conditions: Wayne Renaud/Eric Remick (including grant funded work) – Wayne rolled all the trails and the Skidoo iced up. They could change the Skidoo skis to the ones it came with in the Forestry Center garage. Water bars are open. Need more Balsam brush or Hemlock and Spruce. Hole in bridge on the blue trail. Wayne will call to get a new key for the Skidoo. Need to replace the locks. Wayne will look for a helmet for operating the Skidoo.

6) Financials: Norma Spaulding – Nobody had questions about the Hardwick Trails budget at the Selectboard Meeting, but it hasn't been finalized yet. Danny and Sherry are interested in having one group for trails and recreation. Need for someone to manage building of rest-stops along LVRT. Recreation committee does easter egg hunt, memorial day fun run, coordinate swim lessons at Caspian Lake, and sometimes set up ice rink. Received \$3,000 Prevot Foundation donation.

7) Single track on Shepard's Property: Dave Mitchell – Will continue to build out in the spring.

8) Winter ski program (see notes below) – Starting December 28. Will distribute Instructor and cabin support sign-up sheet.

Forestry trail grooming assistance: Corey Hathaway & Eric Remick – Need to go over equipment and groom together. Encourage people to snowshoe and not walk on the trails.

Saturday morning cabin sign-up

9) New Communication/Social Media Plan Scheming (Lauren Honican)

10) Winter carnival/Feb Break Event brainstorm (Lauren Honican)

11) Selectboard Potential Proposal CALL TO ACTION (HARD NO...HB opinion) – Will let know if there's a selectboard meeting to discuss.

12) Collaborative event with Friends of Jeudevine Library- March 2\* -- This is during Winter School Break. This could be combined with or in addition to a Winter Carnival.

13) Other

14) Head Home

\*Jodi Lew Smith's description: We haven't worked out every last detail yet, but the idea is a ski/walk/snowshoe on the Hardwick Trails - starting either from the Hazen lot or the Dental Center lot - and then coming over to the Memorial Building (because it's accessible) for a family-type movie and cocoa (and other snacks).

What we'd love from the trails committee is the borrowing of equipment for whoever needs it and possibly some help with marking the route. Kathy Mitchell is in our group and she's going to talk to Dave about routes - so we may or may not need additional help with it.