

# CONCORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Trails Subcommittee Meeting

July 8, 2020, 5:15 pm

Minutes

Attendees: Rob Knight, Chairperson; Gail Page, Secretary; Rob Talmadge; Fran Phillippe; Greg Mannesto; Judy Weatherbee; Rik van Riel (alt); David Ross (alt); Ron Klemarczyk, City Forester; Jeff Lewis and Kristine Tardiff of the Conservation Commission

Absent: Mike Schowalter

Staff: Beth Fenstermacher, Assistant City Planner

The committee was authorized to meet electronically due to COVID-19. Chair Rob Knight called the meeting to order and read the following statement:

*As Chair of the Concord NH Conservation Commission Trails Subcommittee, due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this Subcommittee is authorized to meet electronically.*

*Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to the meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, we have provided public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, and instructions are provided on the City of Concord's website at:*

*www.concordnh.gov/planning*

***With Regard to providing public access to the meeting;***

*We are utilizing the Zoom platform for this electronic meeting. All members of the Subcommittee have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through the Zoom platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through visiting the following website address: <https://zoom.us/j/829848841>.*

*If you do not have website access, you may dial the following phone number 929-205-6099 and enter the webinar id 829 848 841.*

*For those calling in who want to provide public testimony, via the website, you may click on the chat icon to ask, or click "raise hand" to be recognized as authorized by the Chair. For participants, dialing in on a phone, you may dial \*9 to alert the Chair that you want to testify.*

*Please note that testimony only applies to public hearings, and public participation may not be authorized in a public meeting which is not a public hearing.*

***With Regard to providing the public with a way to alert us about access problems;***

*If anybody has a problem, please call 603-225-8515 or send an email to: [planning@concordnh.gov](mailto:planning@concordnh.gov).*

***With Regard to adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting;***

*In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, we will adjourn the meeting and have it rescheduled at that time.*

*Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by Roll Call vote.*

*With that, let's start the meeting by taking a Roll Call attendance. When each member states their presence, also please state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.*

***Reminder for the public***

*If you have a question or any trouble accessing this meeting please call the planning dept. at 603-225-8515 or send an email to: [planning@concordnh.gov](mailto:planning@concordnh.gov)*

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***Reminder to Subcommittee members***

- *Please mute yourself when not speaking.*
- *Please raise your hand in the participants section of your Zoom screen.*
  - *Also, if viewing in gallery view. Wave your hand in front of the camera to make sure you are heard.*
- *In your zoom screen, change your view in the upper right corner from speaker view to gallery view to see all panelists.*

**Agenda items**

1. The June 10, 2020, minutes were accepted as written.

2. Trail Maintenance and Reporting:

- a. Judy Weatherbee has brushed and reblazed the orange trail at Winant Park.
- b. Rob Knight brushed half of the WEFT on the shore of Turkey Pond.
- c. Ron Klemarczyk completed a plankwalk at Riley Park and removed a tree from the trail. Greg Mannesto brushed the trail that had grown over with grass.
- d. Ron K. installed landscape ties to reduce erosion at Swope and he removed a downed tree there.
- e. Beth is revising the map for Weir Rd. She reports that the Boscawen side of the system needs some trail work. She will contact Jeff Abbe of the Boscawen Conservation Commission and offer our assistance. She will also suggest some additional signs on that section.
- f. Spears Park can also use some improved signage.

3. Back Woods Trail:

Ron K has cleared the new loop trail. He has permission to use an abutter's property to unload the lumber for a plank walk in a wet section. The sub-committee discussed at length the pros and cons of using an existing unofficial trail which crosses a short section of private land versus having the trail go around the private land. Although the current landowner has given verbal permission, the Fisk Rd. Association has yet to give permission and problems could arise in the future when the land changes hands. In that case the trail might have to be rerouted around the private land. No decision was made, pending the reply from the association. Meanwhile Ron K would like to get started on the other portions of the new section. Agreed that temporarily Backwoods will be accessed off the Yellow trail. By unanimous vote, the sub-committee named the newest section (a loop) “Backwoods Loop” with red blazes and “Cart Path” for the orange trail leading to the loop.

4. Knowlton Woods Trail:

The public hearing on this new trail on Oak Hill is scheduled for this evening.

5. Other Business:

Beth will wait for finalization on the 2 newest trails and then begin a revision of the trail guide. She

plans to consolidate some of the trail maps. Andrew Pinard has offered his help with a whole overhaul. Fran Philippe, David Ross and Rick Van Riel also volunteered.

Meeting motioned to adjournment at 6:15 PM

Next meeting will be held on August 12, 2020

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Page, secretary