

Concord Conservation Commission
Trails Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2022 - DRAFT

Attending: Chairperson, Scott Daniels; Vice Chair Fran Philippe; Secretary, Gail Page; Rob Knight; Greg Mannesto; Judy Weatherbee; Alternate, David Ross
City Staff: Beth Fenstermacher, Planning Division
Conservation Commission representative, Jeff Lewis
Consulting City Forester, Ron Klemarczyk

Absent: Rob Talmadge; Alternates Rik Van Riel; and Erin Waters

Guests: Rebecca Ross of Rossview Farm

Agenda:

1. Minutes for October 12, 2022 were approved.

2. Trail Maintenance and Reporting:

Ron Klemarczyk reported that he removed a leaning tree at Broken Ground parking lot on Curtisville Rd.

Ron has completed the 90 ft bridge at Jim Hill River Walk and transported the old timbers to the transfer station. He had the assistance of hired help and Carl for the project.

The sign for Jim Hill River Walk on Runnells Rd. was taken down by a car accident. A new post is needed.

Carl, city ranger has mostly been focused on conservation easement monitoring this past month. His seasonal employment is ending for the winter in early December.

Fall trail reporting is proceeding. A steward reported an erroneous sign on Carter Hill but there is no verification of this. Scott will ask stewards to email him if they are unable to complete monitoring and reporting

Rob Knight recommends adding trail directional signs on the Weston trail portion of the West End Farm Trail.

3. 2022 Goals and Projects:

- a. Scott intends to walk the potential trail route from Broken Ground to Oak Hill again. Jim Owers will send a letter to the Hoag family regarding access to a portion of their property along the route.
- b. Conservation Commission member Jim Owers has suggested eliminating the Ovenbird Trail, the middle trail on Oak Hill starting from Oak Hill Rd. Objections were voiced to this idea.
- c. Historic Signage – Rob Knight has obtained historic photos of the former ski and toboggan runs north of Swope Park on the Swope-Carter Hill connector. Beth and Scott will review. Signs for interesting features on Oak Hill are also desirable. Beth mentioned text only as signs with pictures are very expensive. Although the photos would be a great asset.

4. Up-coming hikes:

Carl's October hike at Oak Hill was well attended and enjoyed by approximately 17-18 hikers.

Scott will lead a hike at Batchelder Mills on 11/26.

Fran plans to lead the December Hike at Weir Rd. starting from Queen St. Destination, Balancing Rock.

There was general agreement that a length of 1.5 hours is ideal for these community hikes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm in the city hall conference room.

Next meeting is January 11, 2023. [**There will not be a December meeting**]

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Page, recording secretary