

Westford Conservation Commission  
July 9, 2021 Minutes

Meeting convened 6:05pm. Members present: Dale Rodgers, Sarah Pinto, Joel Fay, Elias Rosenblatt, Kirsten Tyler.

Approval of June meeting minutes.

Kirsten voted in as secretary of WCC.

Updates:

Dale gave report on Passport Program. Covey stake had been knocked over. He fixed it. Two labels for trails in Misty Meadows were switched so he went in and fixed those too.

Dale gave report on Goodrich – it's too wet to take the DR trimmer but Dale has weed whacked by hand. We need to weed whack more.

Dale sawed the downed maple on Solitude in Misty Meadows.

Work on Schultz:

Agreement needs to be discussed with landowners. The trail needs to be accessible to families, especially in summer months. WCC has concerns about logging operations and motorized use, damage to the trails, and lack of repairs. The concerns stem from past agreements on Goodrich Trail.

Dale to video- and photo-document baseline conditions on Schultz trail.

SEP to write letter with concerns to selectboard. Letter to read: we have concerns regarding the ability of the WCC to meet our mission; maintain and afford safe access to families on town-owned trails. Goodrich, Seymour, and Schultz have landowner permission to access the trails but not permission to destroy the trails...etc.

Adopt-a-trail program:

SEP to reach out to Elizabeth Ploof to inquire about her idea of kids being involved with the trails.

Goodrich:

Yellow diamonds need to be updated. Some need to be replaced and more need to be added. Some of the crosses need to be filled with logs to keep the trail even. Weed whacking is a must. Dale cut a lot of it but still needs tons of work. Goodrich town trail sign needs to be added. Chain across the trail at Westford Town line needs to be added. RKT to inquire with Nanette whether the chain needs permission from the selectboard.

FPF monthly friendly reminders:

- If you're on public trails through private land, please leash your dog.
- On Maple Shade, please leash your dog until you reach the kiosk over the bridge.
- Reminders about ticks.
- On the ancient road trails, wear boots. The terrain isn't always friendly.
- As always, if you see a tree down on the trails, let us know!

WCC group information:

If a member cuts a blowdown (or knows of a volunteer who did), please share information other members.

The name of Stonewall Trail in Misty Meadows needs to be changed from Stonewall Jackson on the trail signs and maps. Dexter #9 drill bit. Elias to do that this weekend.

Tick informational signage needs to be posted on kiosks. RKT to share signage with Dale.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.