

Westford Conservation Commission
Meeting minutes 10/20/2021

Nanette's suggestion:

SEP to reach out to Andersons (cc SB) regarding trail signage. We were planning to add signs and kiosk to inform trail users about rules on trails and respect towards property owners.

Joel: where should Goodrich kiosk be placed now that new home / driveway will be installed?

Dale: we don't have signage for parking at the Underhill side of Goodrich.

Fa made suggestion for new clarifying signage at Seymour trail. We are not sure where that would be.

Elias suggested installing a few signs to inform people where to park and how to get to the trailhead.

SEP: is the trail guide easily accessible if you use Google to find it?

Kirsten and Elias: no. The town website has a few different maps and it's difficult to navigate.

Group agrees that we need a new streamlined overall town map and update the town website so the maps are easily accessible.

Elias to email Callie to start planning a refresher for the WCC portion of the town website.

Seymour trail needs woodchips or some other way to show people where trailhead is located. This is in addition to the signage with arrow and kiosk. Need sign "private property beyond this point"

SIGN LIST

Goodrich: kiosk for Schultz and Goodrich at Machia side Schultz on hold. Information for parking, location, and user rules.

Covey: parking sign needed on Covey end "trail parking". Covey doesn't deserve a kiosk.

Seymour: on Rte 15 side on the kiosk, "no trail parking beyond this point";

Kilburn end, trail parking signs "trail parking between signs". Kiosk? TDB.

Kilburn end post at Fa's driveway, trail sign with arrow and sign, "private property beyond this point"

Joel added: "stay off the ski track portion of the trail"

SEP to email Fa about location of sign "private property beyond this point".

SEP to ask John to put a "no parking" sign in the Machia Hill turnaround.

SEP to email Nanette about proposed spot for Goodrich sign on Repa end.

We ordered signs from Fast Signs at fastsigns.com in the past. RKT to email Joel with list of signs. Joel to request signs.

Story-walk and poetry walk need to be taken down.

Dale says we need new adhesive or new framework for story-walks. The pages fall off multiple times weekly.

Cannot have glass on poetry walk frames anymore. Dale found some glass broken. Plexiglass is fine.

No more nails on private land. Dale suggests using rubber coated wire instead.

Removing Passport Program boxes:

Pump track: need to decide on location of pump track.

SEP to email Laurie and Tonya regarding pump track location. Another survey with more details?

Annual report for town:

Schultz: trail restoration and erosion control at Machia Hill side; bridge installed

MM: Puncheons over wet areas

MS: Added two trails and continued trail maintenance

Trail cleanup days in fall 2020 and spring 2021

BFA Nordic team and Essex Nordic team used Nordic trails for practice. Looking forward to BFA hosting Nordic trail race in February 2021

Poetry walks, story walks, and Passport Program in collaboration with the library

Ethan Tapper said there was nothing we needed to be doing at MS in regard to forestry.

However, SEP suggests CTE host a chainsaw safety course. Ethan Tapper to

Elias suggested a wildlife survey at MS. Funding needed. Elias would conduct the survey.

Trail access wording needs to be updated on Trail Guide. Joel gave written suggestions for trail access. RKT and Elias to add to Trail Guide. Joel is willing to have wording altered / shortened.

SEP to put info in newsletter re: hunting (second week in November) and responsible dog ownership