

Concord Conservation Commission
Trails Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2018

Present: Beth Fenstermacher, Kathy Healy, Audra Klumb, Rob Knight, Greg Mannesto, Gail Page, Fran Philippe, Tim Pifer, Mike Schowalter, Rob Talmadge, and guests Will Guinn, Leslie Talmadge, Nicholas Wallner, and Conservation Commission Members Jim Owers, Jeff Lewis, and Kathy Healy

1. Minutes of the February 14, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

2. Marco Philippon, Water Treatment Plant Supervision gave a presentation about how and why the City of Concord has come to have no public use of its watershed properties. Since 1951, we are one of only three communities to have no recreation on their water supply and as a result the reservoir is the only water body in the Concord area with no milfoil. He extended an invitation for any of us to have a tour of the Water Filtration Plant.

3. Community Trail Walks:
 - February 24 - Fran Philippe and David Ross led a hike in conjunction with the Concord Library's kick-off of their Concord Reads selection, Following Atticus. Twelve people took part and three dogs.
 - The March hike was canceled.
 - April 14 - Mike Schowalter will lead a hike on Oak Hill.

4. Trail Maintenance & Reporting:
 - Broken Ground and Connector trails - signs will be installed when the weather allows.
 - Mike Schowalter will do a survey of signage needed on Oak Hill.
 - Greg Mannesto requested posts for the Russel Martin trails.
 - Rob Talmadge reported that he has done work on the Swope Connector to District 5 Rd and the West End Farm Trails. He reported on a rogue trail from our trail into the State Forest and back that has been marked and scraped, but not painted. It was also noted that our connector trail actually goes into the State Forest for about 300 yards and that a trail agreement with the Department of Natural Resources is needed.
 - Beth gave an update on the work needed on the West End Farm Trail south of Dimond Hill. A minor-impact wetlands permit is needed to put in culverts and gravel to address the wet area.

5. Trails Procedure: The draft was edited by the committee, a copy of which will be available for all from Rob Knight. It was determined that this should be the procedure for a single trail. The same process will be done for a network of trails.

6. The next meeting will be April 11, 2018 at 5:15 pm.