

Present: Rick Gardner, Deb Cary, Karen Rossow, Kelton Burbank

Meeting began at 7:10 p.m.

1. Minutes from May were approved.
2. Landowner Information Session:
 - a. Deb has the list of Princeton Landowners, and we are still working on plan to send information out to the people who missed our landowner meeting last November.
 - b. Deb will create two cover letters and review them with OSC via eMail. One for property owners with over 25 acres of unprotected land. A second for people with some land protection. The 25 acre limit may be changed to have a reasonable number of people. If we get responses from this we may work down the list further.
 - c. We will attach the summary of conservation program options.
3. Trail Around Princeton (TAP) update and Trails Committee Update
 - a. No progress on Goodnow Park. Cary LeBlanc is exploring options. Once we have options, OSC would like to walk the route.
 - b. No progress on Gleason Rd to Town Farm Rd link (priority has been on CHCA bridges).
 - c. Phil O'Brien continues to clear his trail. The Trail Stewards are meeting on July 11 to walk the route and discuss plans to fix it up. Rick and Phil will also be exploring a drier route from North County Road and up through Land Trust property to Hillis Road.
 - d. Kelton is planning to talk to Ted Goodnow on a few issues, one of which is the use of trails through his property.
 - e. Next meeting of the Trail Stewards Committee will be on July 11.
 - f. At the end of our meeting we discussed actions for TAP concept. We agreed that it would be useful to have a master list of trail segments and status. Rick will pull this together for the next meeting.
4. Calamint Hill Conservation Area Trails:
 - a. West Trail was completed after a great Trails Day on June 15, conducted by the Trail Stewards. We had 22 people building this trail, and it is very nice. Rick also added a trail head sign and blazes. Will be announced to town in the July RR News.
 - b. Work on the Wetlands is awaiting a water quality certification. Application was sent in in early June. This attracted the attention of DCR, and they have asked for a WATERSHED RDA. Rick completed that today and delivered it to DCR. They should review it within the next week or two. Once they are satisfied, we expect the WQ Cert will be OK'ed. There is a chance that they will NOT ALLOW the wetland trails, in which case we will need to consider an appeal.
 - c. Justin Griffin and Christian Henderson are working on bridge design but need to go back and re-measure to include bordering vegetation around the streams. This will be done on July 8th. Once we have estimates and designs we will go back to the ConCom to get funding approval.
 - d. OSC **Approved** expenditure of under \$100 for costs of signage and blazing paint.
5. Princeton Hikes! Program:
 - a. Rick reviewed the last five hikes and the plans for the next two months. New schedule is split into three categories:
 - Saturday AM hikes. More varied with some more difficult hikes. (2/month - Rick)
 - Sunday Afternoon 'strolls' for easier hikes (1/month – Karen).

- COA hikes, easy and lower mileage (1/month – Rick).

- b. Kelton asked about value of adding events for Bikes or Horses. We agreed that this is a good idea and would be easy to add on. Just need dates and leaders. May want to start a different mailing list.

6. Conferences

- a. Rick will attend the November Mass Trails Conference. Others may as well.

7. Open Space Plan

- a. Karen will take the lead, and will look into requirements for the plan. We will figure out how to best distribute the work

8. Presentations

- a. Two ideas for OSC sponsored presentations, perhaps through the Library (or we could do ourselves). One is a two night event on Clinton Dam and tunnel, to be done in conjunction with a Saturday hike. Second is a presentation on Princeton Trails.
- b. We agreed that collaborating with the Library would be the best option. Rick will discuss with Mary Barroll. Aim for the fall or winter.

9. Summary of Work-to-do

- a. Deb and Karen contact owners of large lots that did not attend the November landowner meeting.
- b. Kelton will talk to Ted Goodnow about use of his property for trails.
- c. Rick trails committee meeting and continued work with ConCom and DCR on CHCA trails.
- d. Rick summarized TAP segments, options, and status for review next meeting.
- e. Karen and Rick will review material from the Open Space conference, and Karen will begin to prepare a plan for the 2020 Open Space Plan update.

10. Next meeting: Tuesday Sept 10 at 7PM in the Small CR.

11. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Gardner