

Present: Rick Gardner, Deb Cary, Karen Rossow

Guest: Cary LeBlanc

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

1. Minutes from August were approved.
2. Landowner Information Session:
 - a. Karen got all of the letters sent out with response feedback forms.
 - b. We have not yet received any returns/requests for more info. We may have some for next month, but even if we do not receive inquiries we will have sent the information out to the people that did not attend the information meeting last November.
3. Trail Around Princeton (TAP) update and Trails Committee Update
 - a. No progress on Goodnow Park.
 - b. Trail Stewards have cleaned up some of the paths in back of East Princeton and these are ready for use. Will do a Princeton Hike there in November.
 - c. Trail Stewards also walked the next proposed segment, which goes from Gleason Road up to Mosher trail. We have two landowners to try to convince to let us out at the end of this trail onto Gleason Road. Next up is to clean out the trail on DCR property between Gleason Road and Town Farm Road.
 - d. Kelton mentioned that he has plans to talk to Ted Goodnow on use of Goodnow property, and Rick sent him copies of the latest maps of existing trails.
 - e. Trail work on PLT Alexander property, which is a piece needed for the trail from Princeton Center to Krashes Field, is still awaiting approval from DCR. Project is in the hands of Princeton Land Trust and is moving along.
 - f. At the end of our meeting we discussed actions for TAP concept. Rick still needs to create a master list of the envisioned trail segments and status. Next meeting?
4. Calamint Hill Conservation Area Trails:
 - a. Wetland trails are still in the DCR approval process. The Water Quality Cert WAS approved, DCR denied the proposal but Rick has appealed the decision and we are hopeful that DCR will permit this, albeit with a bit more work than originally planned.
 - b. Once we get approval from DCR Justin Griffin and Christian Henderson will work on Bridge designs and costs, and also we will begin clearing for the Wetland and East side trails.
 - c. Rick mentioned that PLT now owns the Appell property adjacent to CHCA on North Calamint Hill Rd, and the intent by PLT is to build trails from the CHCA West side trails through Appell and connecting to Boylston Park.
5. Princeton Hikes! Program:
 - a. Rick reviewed the last six hikes (Muddy Pond, Poutwater Pond, Savage Hill, Minns/Little Wachusett, LSF Crow Hill Ponds, and Wachusett West) and the plans for the next two months (Wachusett Meadow South, Watatic, PLT/Cary Trail, East Princeton, and Midstate Trail to Barre Falls).
 - b. We did not have much success with Sunday afternoons and will drop those.
6. Conferences
 - a. Rick will attend the November Mass Trails Conference. Others may as well. Deb has some information, which she will send out. Wed Oct 30-Sat Nov 3)

7. Open Space Plan

- a. Karen is working on the structure of this plan and will start to pull together a work plan. We will need to meet with other boards and townspeople (public hearing) and can begin to plan for those meetings in early 2020.
 - Karen suggested doing a survey of townspeople to help set recreation and open space goals. Perhaps in advance of the public hearing.
 - Karen is going to reach out to the state to see what guidance they can provide.
 - Deb suggesting doing an event with map printing...i.e. show people the maps available for areas in Princeton and provide printouts for people requesting them.
 - We see some interesting synergy with the Environmental Action Committee PLAN. We can support some of their recommendations in our plan, and we may want to suggest some additional points to them. Everyone is encouraged to ready the report and funnel comments to Rick for OSC consolidated input.

8. Presentations

- a. The idea of a Clinton Dam presentation will not be pursued...John Mollica will be ready more like next spring.
- b. Rick is working with Mary Barroll to schedule a presentation on Princeton Trails at the Library, probably in November.

9. Summary of Work-to-do

- a. Deb and Karen monitor Open Space mail slot at town hall to see if we get responses to landowner info.
- 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 to summarize 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.
- f. All OSC members: Read the EAC plan for send your ideas/comments to Rick for the OSC response.
- g. Rick to Schedule Trail presentation for the Library.

10. Town Cleanup: We have heard nothing further from Parks and Rec on plans for a town-wide cleanup.

11. Next meeting: Thursday Sept 17 at 7PM in the Annex.

12. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Gardner