

**Meeting of the Open Space Committee  
Hanover Town Hall  
December 6, 2021**

Meeting opened at 7:05 pm.

**Present:** Harold Thomas, Joe Grecco, Mary Dunn, Bob Meader, Judy Grecco, John Ferraro

**November 1, 2021** meeting minutes approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Trail Maintenance:**

John Ferraro will coordinate with Chris Azizian (Fire Dept.) on cutting fallen trees on the Folly Hill trails and notify the committee when a date is established. There are numerous trees down in vicinity of the two bridges installed last year by the Scouts. The portion of the trail closer to the Lutheran Church has only minor obstructions. There was some evidence of beaver activity along the Bog Iron Trails by the old cranberry bogs.

John also reported that Wildlands Trust, New England Mountain Bike Association, and Rising Tide Charter School's National Honor Society, had spent a second weekend constructing board walks at Chapman's Landing and were expecting to work a third weekend. Mary was going to check with the Water Department to see if materials for the board walk (or future viewing platform) could be driven closer to the trail using the department's road to the pump house.

Joe Grecco and John Ferraro had installed some PVC pipe at one of the bridges at Chapman's Landing as a test to see if it would keep the bridge from floating out of position. They used 5' lengths and were able to drive them into the ground about 3'.

Bob Meader had cleared several fallen trees from the Shinglemill Brook trail at the Virginia Rd end but there remains a large tree (~20" dia.) to be cut.

**Conservation Restrictions:**

Mary Dunn had attended the recent CPC meeting and reported that the CR for the Sylvester Field was ready to be signed.

**Indian Head River Coalition Update:**

A new handout trail map has been published by Wildlands Trust. Hal Thomas has copies. It was suggested that some be made available to the Senior Center and Library and Mary Dunn was going to check with the school system to see if they would like some copies.

**Rail Trail update:**

Nothing new. Waiting on land transfer or sign off from DCR. Steven Louko is contact.

**NEW BUSINESS****New Years Day Walk by NSRWA:**

A New Years Day walk will take place along the Indian Head River from 1 to 3 pm. NSRWA is expected to set up several information stations (Luddam's Ford, Tack Factory, and Canoe Launch) and is looking for volunteers to man at least one of the stations. Mary Dunn and Hal Thomas indicated they could help. More information: [brian@nsrwa.org](mailto:brian@nsrwa.org).

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mary Dunn had received a quote for a 6x12 viewing platform to be located at the river's edge on the Chapman's Landing trail. The \$7200 quote was for pressure treated materials, 6 feet high with benches, steps and handrails. Mary will ask for a drawing and invite Lucas Nichols at Long Pond Custom Builders to attend one of our up-coming meetings via Zoom.

**Next meeting: January 3, 2022**

Submitted by Bob Meader