

## **Hanover Open Space Committee 2022**

April 4, 2022

Attendees: Hall Thomas (virtual), Mary Dunn, Bob Meader, Joe Grecco (virtual), Judy Grecco(virtual), John Ferraro, Duke Magoun, Brian May

Guests: Colleen Carlson 220 Cushing Hill Rd (virtual), Jaclyn Hatch and son Everette 210 Cushing Hill Rd (virtual)

Meeting was held at the Hanover Town Hall and opened at 7:00 PM

Agenda:

Meeting notes approved from March 7, 2022

Old Business:

Trail Maintenance:

French's Stream – concerns that trail blazing needs to be updated. Committee agreed to meet at 11:00 am Friday 22 April to visit trail and update green & red blazing. Joe will have paint and brushes, Mary will bring mineral spirits, paper towels, and trash bag for clean-up. Meet at the far end cul-de-sac at Forge Pond Park.

Indian Head River Coalition – Mary Dunn will be reaching out to Wildlands Trust and North and South River Watershed Association prior to the "Grand Opening" of the Indian Head River trails scheduled for 14 May to learn if there are plans to raise the bog bridges using 4x4 or 6x6 materials. On the grand opening date starting around 9:00 am suggested activities include fishing demonstration for children, a guided trail walk to the Waterman tack factory, a guided trail walk around Chapman's Landing, mountain bike ride, and kayak demonstration.

Chapman's Landing Viewing Platform – John will send photos of a viewing platform Joe and Judy had seen to Lucas Nichols of Long Pond Custom Builders saying that it was what we had in mind with the addition of some bench seats. One of the desired items was the piers were 6x6 rather than 4x4 which was expected to provide a sturdier structure.

Indian Head River – Duke volunteered to clear trees from the river near Rocky Run Brook.

Myrtle Field – The bridge over Torrey Brook needs examination. Duke was going to investigate to see if the decking needed replacement or if the entire structure needed work.

Conservation Restriction Update: Little to no progress. Mary had spoken to Ann Lee but nothing definite was mentioned. Brian suggested using the liaison from the Board of Selectmen (Dave Delaney??) to request a schedule, such as 1 May, as to when we could meet with all parties required to determine next steps and timeframe to complete the outstanding CRs.

Rail Trail Update: Hanover is ready to start the project. Meeting held on March 8, 2022, to walk the path attended by Mary, Hal, Kurt Kelley DPW, Joe Colangelo town manager, someone from Merrill Engineering, and representatives from DCR who want to provide oversight for the project.

#### New Business:

Hanover Day – Mary has reserved a table for information for Sat 25 June.

Master Plan Review – Mary is on the review committee. We need to review and provide her comments on the Open Space section of the Master Plan located in the Open Space Committee section on the town website. Mary suggested two major themes were evident – water supply and quality and need for sidewalks.

#### Other Business:

Erik Boyer, Wildlands Trust, had sent a draft Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) related to the Luddam's Ford to Chapman's Landing Connector Trail for review before sending it to Sandy MacFarlane. He asked if it was acceptable that Hal convey it to Sandy.

Shingle Mill Brook (North) – Colleen Carlson and Jaclyn Hatch attended the meeting to express their concerns about a possible link across property of the Elms to the existing trail on town property. They did not want strangers walking behind their homes or cars parking on the street. They had young children playing in the area. Mary told them that if we decided to go forward with any plans that they would be included. Bob said that he had not contacted the Elms Board of Trustees about requesting permission for a link to the existing trail.

Town Meeting Warrant Item – The Community Preservation Committee is requesting funding for trail improvement projects. Hal will speak to the need at Town Meeting. Mary will ask Steve Ryerson to put together some photos for a slide presentation which Hal could use. If you have a decent photo of some of our bridges send it to Mary.

Trail Team – It would be advantageous to the Open Space Committee to have a maintenance trail team that could be called upon to clean or maintain our trails. Mary volunteered to write something about the duties of this small group and Judy would post it on our Facebook page. Brian suggested various trails have a “guardian list” or a “partner list”. Perhaps Steve Louko has the beginnings of such a team. Duke was going to talk to Steve Louko about any need for team members to fill out “CORI” forms.

Next meeting May 9, 2022 at 7:00 PM, Hanover Town Hall