

Lee Trails Committee Minutes October 25, 2023

Members Present: Deb Sugerman (Liaison/Chair), Martin Thornton (Secretary), Dennis Regan, Chris Regan, Kent Kasper, Greg Ewing, Naomi Aldredge,

Approval of Minutes of September 27, 2023: Deb Sugerman moved to accept the minutes. Martin Thornton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Reports:

Conservation Commission (CC) Meeting: Deb Sugerman reported:

- There was a site walk with Don Quigley and Tom Lee on a planned forestry management cut. A 10 year forest management selective harvest is part of the easement for the property. This helps the forest regenerate and provides space for wildlife habitat. There are red flags marking the boundary between the UNH sand pit and the MJMF property. The harvest will occur around February 2024.
- Mimi Winder will be heading up the Invasive plant management. There is a CC work session Friday October 27 at 9 AM at the Wadley Falls Canoe launch.
- CC asked to give some thought on where they would like to see the Trails Committee work in the future. Other conservation lands for trails, special projects. The Trails Committee members should brainstorm ideas on future projects for our next meeting.

The Library Scarecrow was put up at our work session on September 14th. Thanks to Leslie Chinburg for putting that together.

Project Day on Sept 14th was a success. The Kiosk at LRP had waterproofing stain applied. The Bog Dock in the TF had waterproofing stain applied. And the boundary stakes were put in at the Durgin Preserve. Mimi Winder will be posting the pictures to our share site.

Removal of trees on the Crosswalk Trail. Martin Thornton reported the trees were removed when he checked the trail last week.

New Business

- Dog Leash Editing – Caren Rossi located where the selectboard had taken up the issue of whether dogs needed to be on leashes in 2016. The LRP is the only area that the selectboard decided that dogs needed to be leashed. We will need to review our Kiosk documents and signage in the other town areas and update if it states the dogs must be on a leash.
- Winter Planning
 - In the Town Forest the Bridges 1, 5 (which is now 6), and 7 are left to be replaced. Bridge 1 will be a Puncheon. That will be an inexpensive, quick project. A date of November 27, Monday with a start time of 9 AM was chosen for the build. Martin Thornton will finalize a material list and plan.
 - Dennis and Chris Regan, and Martin Thornton, will coordinate on assessing what wet areas will need Puncheons and put together a plan for the Town Forest.
 - The writing projects from last winter will need final edits and approval for release.
 - Members are to come up with a list for each area on projects we should consider
 - A Christmas Party for the group was discussed. A date of December 17 was chosen for the party. Paul and Tasha McComiskey have offered to have the event at their house.

Next meeting will be November 29, 2023 at 6 PM at the Town Offices.

Motion to Adjourn by Deb Sugerman, seconded by Chris Regan. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved

Minutes submitted by: Martin Thornton

Acronyms:

CC: Conservation Commission
DP: Durgin Preserve, Alfred C. Durgin Preserve
LTF: Lee Town Forest
LRP: Little River Park
MJMF: Maud Jones Memorial Forest