

Lee Trails Committee Minutes

April 28, 2022 @ 7 PM

Present Members: Deb Sugerman (Liaison/Chair), Martin Thornton (Secretary), Leslie Chinburg, Kent Kasper, Paul McComiskey, Chris Regan, Dennis Regan

Guest: Anne Tappan, Lee Conservation Commission

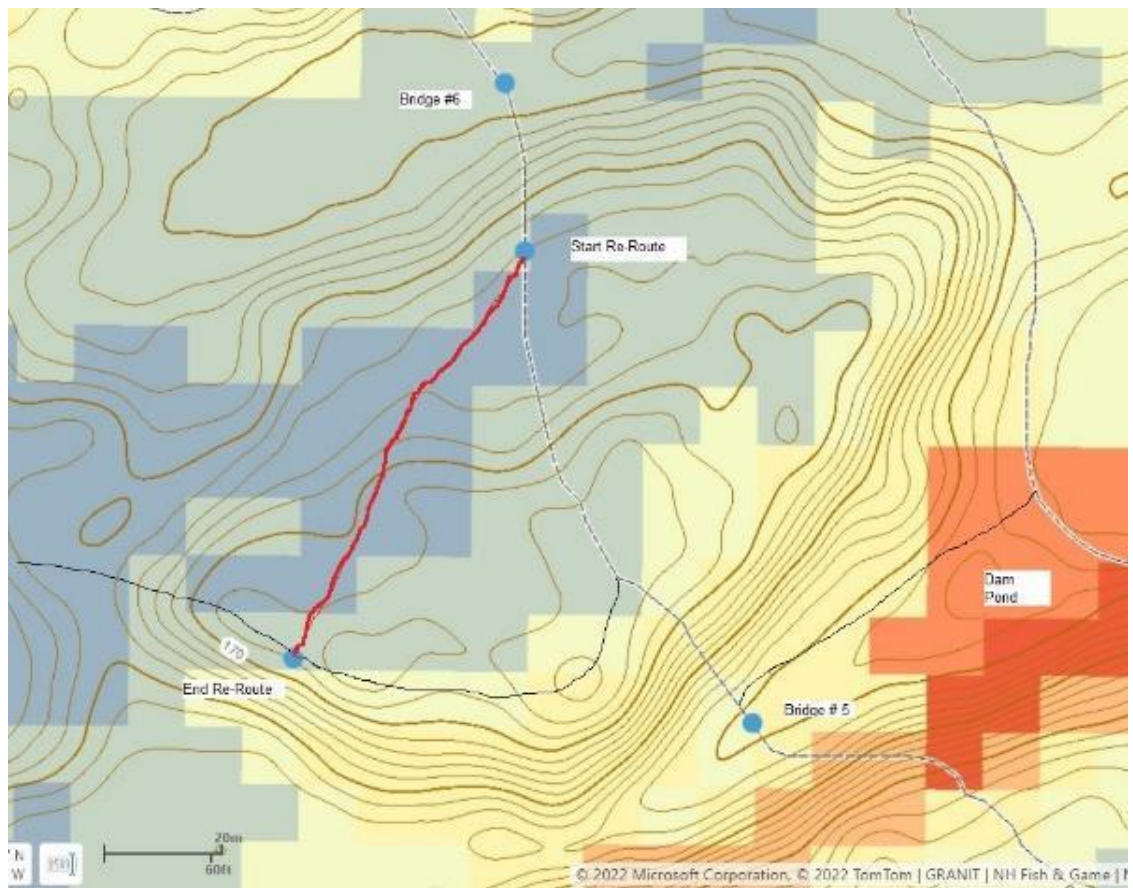
Approval of Minutes of March 30, 2022: Minutes amended to show the next meeting April 28, 2022. Deb Sugerman moved to accept the amended minutes. Dennis Regan seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Reports

- There is an upcoming Work Day this weekend (30 April Saturday) at 10 AM. Deb Sugerman has the Erosion Control Signs. Leslie will help laminate after meeting and take them with her. Paul will bring wood stakes. Will split up supplies at the end of the meeting. If we need additional supplies, they will need to be purchased. Deb Sugerman will check with Steve Bullek about using the DPW account at the Lee Aubuchon Hardware store. Otherwise, they will need to submit for reimbursement.
- Deb Sugerman reported:
 - The grant for the American Trail funding has been submitted. They will notify us by 15 May if we will receive a grant. This will be for 5 Bridges in the Town Forest. It is a nationwide grant with 292 applications totaling ~ \$3 million having been submitted. There is \$50,000 available. Our request is for \$4200 with a volunteer match of \$3293 figured on a rate of \$28/hour.
 - Maud Jones Bridges and new Loop: Martin Thornton presented to the Select Board for the Esker Bridge replacement and they have approved the relocation and replacement. Dave has submitted the application to the Natural Heritage Bureau for the Esker and New Loop Bridges. Once they approve then he can submit to DES. Kent Kasper and Deb Sugerman will author a letter to go to the abutters. The mailing of the letter will be handled by the Town Office.
 - Little River Park: At the Select Board Meeting Deb Sugerman gave an update on the trails bridge replacement and funding plan. It was noted the previous funding for the Little River Park bridge had been spent on cost overruns in dealing with DES. The Select Board approved an expenditure not to exceed \$1500 to build the two bridges in LRP. QR Codes for LRP have been approved and will be installed this weekend as part of the Work Day. Paul will provide the screws. After the bridge is completed, we will hold an open house to the community.
 - The Conservation Committee approved the re-location of the white trail in the Town Forest. This is in an area between Bridge #5 and Bridge #6 and will direct people away from an area prone to erosion. A markup plot was created from the GraniteView tool to show the relocation. Not all trails are shown on GraniteView and what trails are shown are simplified. As such, Martin Thornton made the image using GPS coordinates and drawing in the information as needed. The re-location is in a low wildlife impact zone. See image at end of Minutes.
 - Maud Jones QR code write-ups have been completed and Deb Sugerman will be sending them to the Conservation Commission members for review and approval. They are meant to be short descriptions and engage walkers through open questions about the features.
- Leslie Chinburg Reported:
 - Leslie is working with Haley Van-Gils at the Town Library on setting up the new Storyboards. The Library is closed this week but will catch up with her when they re-open.
 - Will follow up with Scott Bugbee about the REACH program doing a clean-up at the Cemetery. The Library, Cemetery, and Historical Society have not been involved with the maintenance or responsibility of the Cemetery, which is why the Chairperson of the Select Board, Scott Bugbee, will be contacted. Another activity that was mentioned was maintenance of the rock walls in the town forest. Anne Tappan mentioned that there will be a community work day by Extreme

Networks employees in town. They will work either invasive eradication and/or rock wall maintenance.

- Little River Park Erosion control: LCC will be looking at planting Little Blue Stem Grass on the sandbank at the end of the Ridge Trail. Will look at seeds, which are cheaper, or plugs, which would take hold quicker. Working on the best method to plant and water the embankment. This will not be done this weekend but at a later work session.
- Bridge Building – Martin Thornton and Paul McComiskey: discussion with the group on dates for building the bridges. Dates below are dependent on weather and submitted as a general guideline. Kent Kasper queried if it would make sense to get all the material in one delivery. Ricci usually delivers within 24 hours of request. Would need to store the material until the build. We do need to acquire the material before the end of June. Suggestion taken under advisement. Martin Thornton will review the plans for updates and submit a list of materials required.
 - LRP Culvert and Brook
 - Acquire materials by 31 May, Tuesday
 - Cut to length and stage 1 to 3 June, Wednesday to Friday
 - Enlist volunteers to move materials to site, 4 June, Saturday
 - Build Bridge 6 to 8 June, Monday – Wednesday
 - TF Bridge #4
 - Acquire material by 15 June, Tuesday
 - Cut to length and stage 16 to 17 June, Wednesday to Friday
 - Enlist volunteers to move materials to site, 25 June, Saturday
 - Build Bridge 27 to 29 June, Monday – Wednesday
- Work Days
 - LRP 30 April Saturday: Paul McComiskey provided his updated work plan as published on the group share site.
 - MJ 30 April Saturday: Kent Kasper provided his updated work plan as published on the group share site.
 - TF 14 May Saturday: Chris and Dennis Regan provided their updated work plan
 - Update Blazes on the White and Yellow Trails. Change to the Off-set Blazes on corners
 - Clipping and Stump removal
 - They will need crews of 3 to 4 for each work group. One (1) for the White trail and two (2) for the Yellow trail.
 - Will be changing the Bog Trail to be its own unique color going from the Library to where it intersects the Yellow Trail.
 - If there is sufficient help and time, they will mark and clip the Durgin Park / Wheelwright Pond Trail.
 - Discussion on possible colors that could be used for the trails. There are a number of reference color palettes on the web for colorblind people and those will be reviewed for blaze colors. The paint currently used is a Rustoleum Oil base paint. Will see what colors are available and what can be mixed custom. It was mentioned Vegetable oil works to get the paint off of hands.
 - Meeting adjourned and the group broke up to set up supplies for the work sessions.
- Next Meeting will be 1 June 2022 at 7 PM



Town Forest Re-Route