



TOWN OF PELHAM

6 Village Green
Pelham, NH 03076

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 19, 2020

ONLINE VIRTUAL MEETING

7:15 P.M. – 8:19 P.M.

Adopt “Trails for People and Wildlife” as a best practices manual – The purpose of this new trail manual prepared by NH Fish and Game is to encourage trail layout that does not disturb wildlife. NRPC has posted a GIS tool so trail locations can be evaluated using the principals of this new manual. New manual will be posted to the Forestry Committee website for reference.

Proposed Work on Merriam Cutter Conservation Area – fix small stream with stone bridge – already completed by a volunteer; clear dead cedar trees in area adjacent to parking lot for use on trail projects, all cedar trees in this grove died in a storm about 5 years ago, trees will be taken down and stacked for future use.

Proposed Work on Kirby-Ivers Town Forest – bog bridges on blue trail are needed for wet areas on the blue trail; volunteers will construct the bridges, supplies are needed; add 2 feet of base material to entrance trail which is overgrown with vegetation, this will prevent the need for periodic mowing; projects will be funded as funds become available.

Proposed Work on Peabody Town Forest – several areas on trails need work with various solutions, mud holes need to be addressed as per NH Trails



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Bureau manual, standing water weakens tread and, if not fixed, can lead to impassable areas.

Proposed Work on Costa Conservation Area – trail maintenance slated for the fall, main trail has suffered significant damage over the winter and into the spring, beginning discussions on solutions and need for repair or re-routing

Trail Adopter Reports – reports on Kirby and Peabody from Adopters, needed work incorporated into trail maintenance reports

Correspondence Review –

3/21/2020 – report of work being done on Moeckel Town Forest landing, stone wall being rehabbed, seeding will be done later in the spring.

4/2/2020 – Volunteer working on Kirby Ivers, tree clearing on trail and drainage work

4/6/2020 – OHRV tracks on trails at Cutler Spalding Conservation Area, significant ruts in wet areas; trail volunteers to check on report

4/8/2020 – Security boulders were moved to gain access to the blue trail at Gumpus Pond Conservation Area; Alpha Tractor Works to check and rectify

5/6/2020 – Motor vehicles on Gumpus Pond Conservation Area trails, unsafe for hikers; trail volunteers to check, Town Forester to check security along Tower Hill Road

Budget Update – updated figures reviewed, in addition to funds allocated at February, 2020 meeting, funds allocated for Annual Mowing and Trail Marking Supplies. Funds for trail work on Kirby Ivers to be allocated as funds become available.



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Members Present: Paul Gagnon, Charlie Gale, Bob Lamoureux, Gayle Plouffe, Deborah Waters

Adjorn: 8:19 p.m.

Submitted by Deborah Waters, Chairman