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Exeter Conservation Commission  
Trails Committee  
Meeting Summary 4/4/18

Chair Dave Short called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Wheelwright Room of the Exeter Town Offices. Bill Campbell was the other Conservation Commission member in attendance. Natural Resource Planner Kristen Murphy was also present. Volunteer attendees included Bob Kelly, Jason Fritz, Jim Clark, Brian Ladd, Angela Petriglia, Jon Berenson and Joanne Jacob.

Dave Short discussed a list of projects they were planning on addressing this year. One involved re-fixing a crossing between junction 5 and 6 in Henderson Swasey Town Forest that was previously repaired. The Conservation Commission reviewed this site during a site walk in Fall 2017. A second repair is on the east-west portion of the Green Trail that parallels the gasline. This site will require a site walk for inspection. In Oaklands the Committee discussed repairs needed to the two major wetland bridge crossings east of Forest Ridge and north of the powerline. The Committee talked about potentially installing a beaver deceiver at a nearby beaver dam which is causing ponding of water to flood the low bridge. Dave will arrange for a site walk for this aspect of the project. Bill Campbell discussed a list of interior wooden signs that the Commission has funding to purchase. The Committee suggested in lieu of adding additional blaze marks on the side trail, it may be more helpful to add more junction markers. It was suggested to order a total of 20 junction markers numbered 1-20. Dave suggested adding information on the kiosk signs so that trail users can connect to the trail maps using their mobile phones in the field. It was suggested to look into a QR code. Kristen Murphy and Joanne Jacob discussed refreshing blazes within both Oaklands and Henderson Swasey this coming spring. One attendee suggested adding the reflective tacks within each of the blazes to help with orientation in the dark.

The Committee agreed that it was important to update both the maps, signage and junction markers in the same year. Kristen will look into designing an updated map for both sites. The updated maps should include adding the parking lot name to the top of the signs. Purchase will need to be approved by the Conservation Commission.

Dave Short discussed a desire to re-align the trail access point at the new C3i commercial building. He will contact Mike Curry and get back to Kristen to discuss if there are any planning review needs.

Jon Berenson shared a photo of a new crossing that was installed in the Oaklands area. The design did not accommodate bike access very well. Kristen will look into whether this crossing was installed within the area we have a conservation easement. If it is, she will contact the land owners before the Committee can move forward with removal.

Jason Fritz mentioned there was a large tree down across the Jolly Rand trail between the White Oak Drive crossing and the new Southeast Land Trust parking lot for Kimball Reserve.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.