

## **Charlotte Trails Committee Minutes 10/11/2016**

**Present:** Laurie Thompson, Christine Cowart, Mary Van Vleck, John Lemanek, Jordan Blucher, David Ziegelman

**Secretary:** David Ziegelman

### **Updates**

VLT/Hinsdale/Preston property. Located at Northwest corner of One Mile Road and Guinea Road. Discussed decision made with affected parties to include easement for trail along north and west boundaries of the farm property.

October 18th Meeting inviting landowners near potential locations for cohousing to west village and to Mount Philo. Background work so far, phone calls and media announcements in Charlotte News and Front Porch Forum. Discussed some communications from community members thus far. Some are supportive, some have concerns.

Christine will contact D and K to obtain maps with layovers. Also she will clarify if handing out maps to people taking part would be useful.

Sign in sheet will be needed for the meeting.

Cohousing - east most section near Rt & jaa

### **Current Trail Reports:**

**Melissa and Trevor Mack** - in good shape

**Co-housing** - several areas between the pond and the east end of the trail near Rt 7 have large amounts of parsnip. Also, there is one area next to the trail that is not mowed due to depth of culvert, and there is overgrowth onto the trail. Discussed brush-hogging at least twice a year including at end of fall to help with winter time use of the trail.

250 Loop - Work day went well. Health center section discussed. Need to review with Margaret next steps there.

**Plouffe Lane** - needs minor trail maintenance which John will take care of

**Pease** - in good shape in part because conditions have been so dry. No significant downed trees. Discussed new signs placed by Christine at lower and higher intersections. Need signs pointing to the overlooks. Christine will look into doing this in the next few months. David would be happy to help.

**Russell property** - not discussed

**SHIPS Grant** - small grant proposal due in January (and 2 other times per year) that could for example pay for a bench, or for tools to help maintain the trails. Laurie and Christine and Stephanie (?? check this) will work on this.

**Benches update** - Christine reviewed bids including \$3700 for 5 benches similar to Stowe benches, \$1590 for 5 benches all wood. In addition, they make signs eg \$374

for 30 x 52" signs. We will seek additional input on other benches (eg those used by South Burlington)

### **Long Term items**

Mapping of trail with Local Motion: review Champlain Area Trails Map - comprehensive signage plan.

in March discuss plan to control parsnip on cohousing trail. (eg when to time brush hogging).

### **Action Items**

David to bring Cider for Oct 18th meeting

John will bring brownies

Christine - discuss with D and K clarify if handout maps would be helpful for 10/18 public meeting. Also contact D and K to obtain links to maps and layovers for our Google Docs site.

David - cost for benches at South Burlington

Discuss Health Center section of trail at next meeting

All to come to public meeting on Oct 18th.

**Next meeting in 1 week on October 18th with D and K and townspeople.**

**Next Committee meeting November 15th.**