

Trails Committee Meeting Minutes: 11/9/2010

Present: John Limanek, Laurie Limanek, Margaret Russell, Holly Sullivan, Tim McCullough

-Reviewed and approved prior minutes

-Selectboard Budget Meeting: John presented Trails budget and funding request 11/8/2010. The request was for continuation of \$1000 per year plus additional funds for grant matching if approved. See John's letter to the Selectboard. Potential project costs include: The Link: permits, trail construction; Pease Mountain signage; Burleigh pull-off area; brush-hogging and mowing rough paths, brochure updates

-Reviewed Hinsdale/Bean Conservation plan: We discussed location of trail options and how to maximize connectivity with other trails/easements. We decided we need to do a walk of the property. Preliminary date set up to meet with Clark

-Town Link:

-Dean is updating the grant application for Vermont Dept of Forest and Rec. The due date is in January. This is a \$20,000 grant with \$5,000 matching from the town. We will use some of this years Trails budget to try to secure some of the permits required for Co-Housing portion. Still need easement through Berry Farm. If grant is approved, likely project would be from Route 7 to the Berry Farm/co-housing line.

-John requested map of easements through the West Village so we could start developing a rough mowed path and get people walking on the Link Trail and increase participation in its development.

-Margaret has appointments set up with community members to begin private development efforts for The Town Link.

- Pease Mountain:

The arrows are causing confusion. There was some discussion about using paint and a template to put blazes on the trees instead of arrows. No decision was made. Also, the stewardship plan was approved. Yes, its true.

-Web Site: Laurie, with the help of Jenny Cole and Holly, has the Web Site up and running. We will be working to get this functioning better. The brochure needs updating- needs Raven Ridge and posting.. We will also post Trails Minutes there.

-Committee Members: we discussed that it is good form to let John or Margaret know if you cannot attend a meeting.

Tasks before the next meeting:

-John: contact Clark for a walk on the proposed Bean Conservation land, contact Winslow to get map of easements through West Village

-Margaret: prepare info on all grant possibilities and their deadlines; start meeting with town members to create an advisory committee to do private fund raising. Start preparing development ideas. Get information from Mike about difference between recognized and unrecognized wetlands.

-Holly: find out about Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge meeting times

-Next Meeting: 12/7/2010 7:00 pm