

Charlotte Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 9th 7 pm

Attending: Margaret Russell, Stephany Hasse, John Limanek, David Ziegelman, Christine Cowart, Mary Vanvleck, Jorden Blucher, Laurie Thompson (secretary of the meeting)

1. Review and approve previous minutes – reviewed and approved

2. The Link Trail scoping proposals – Laurie reported that Stephany, Margaret, & Laurie were at the selectboard meeting when Dubois & King were approved as the firm to do the scoping projects on State Park Rd. and from Co-housing into West Charlotte Village. The timeline work and contract signing will be worked out by Dean Bloch. DeBois & King have been asked to develop a new timeline with a completion date in May, 2017. This was requested so the Trails Committee can then apply for additional grant funding for the construction of the trail. Committee members wanted to be sure there was strong communication between DuBois & King and the committee members throughout the scoping process. Laurie will contact Dean to see if we can write/receive a new grant before this grant work is completed.

3. Review previous action Items:

Trails work day: August 20th. (250 loop/Health Center/Frost) Meet at the train station at 8:00 a.m (rain date is Sunday August 21st) Margaret will post the work day on Front Porch Forum.

Google bill- Stephany has started paying the Google Docs bill each month as part of her financial contribution to Trails – Thank you!

Google Docs- Christine agreed to manage our Google Docs site, Margaret sent an email to all of us so we can get into the site.

Benches: Mary & Christine have both been looking into options for benches on the Town Link Trail. They continue to work on it/contact people and will get back to us at the next meeting.

New easement on VLT/Hinsdale property: Margaret reported that as of now the easement leads to the east side of the hedgerow on the property and that is where it will probably end up. The closing of this Vermont Land Trust deal will probably be later this year.

4. Interim News:

- Co-Housing – discussed mowing which is good this year. One area has very high grass on the sides of the trail that tend to lean into the trail.

-Plouffe, Pease, and Russell trails all good.

6. Long term items:

- wildwood West communication

- Easement information-maps: Laurie

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

7. Media: plan for article in Charlotte News; FPF/ Trails work day - It was decided that we would get pictures at the work day August 20th and write an article to go with the picture(s).

7. Action Items:

Laurie will contact Dean to see if we can write/receive a new grant before this grant work is completed.

Mary & Christine will continue to look into options for benches.

Margaret, Jorden, & David will scope out the section of the 250 loop to be worked on August 20th to see exactly where the trail should go.

Next Meeting: September 13th