

## TRAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES 04/12/16

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**Members attending:** Stephany Hasse, Laurie Thompson, Margaret Russell, Christine Cowart

- **Minutes reviewed and approved**  
Christine Cowart recording for this meeting
  
- **Action Items:**
  - Margaret will try to access a catalogue of all the easements
  - Laurie will ask John Gowland to provide contact information to start discussions with Wildwood West
  - Margaret will find out from John Gowland if he is serious about joining the Committee
  - Laurie will e-mail Dean Bloch regarding the RFP
  - A summer schedule should be created with work dates
  - Stephany will look into the Google bill and if it can be transferred
  - Margaret will meet with the Frosts and Mr. Higgins to discuss where easement/trail will be
  
- **Discussed:**
  - Margaret reported that she talked to Dean about the poles and asked for a contact and to be notified when things are planned or happen near Lake Road and the trail site
  - Andrew Swayze joined the Committee for a conversation about what can be done to allow passage or share access to trails on private land without mapping or formalizing them
    - There are many public easements not on the town trail map because they are not mowed or maintained
    - Much of the town's conserved land is not accessible
    - Andrew said that he is willing to investigate easements, including one to connect Guinea Road to the Michaels' property
    - Discussed a goal of identifying high-value connections to link existing trails
  - Margaret reported that the following requests were made to have someone from the Committee walk their property:
    - Waldorf School –to lay-out location of easement; and

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- The Frosts – to finalize the location of the trail
- Margaret reported that Elizabeth Bassett would like to join the Committee, but the Committee will be full (if John Gowland joins). Margaret told Elizabeth that she would be welcome to attend Committee meetings as a non-voting member
- Congratulations to Christine for being appointed to the Trails Committee
  
- **Existing Trails Update:**
  - 250 Loop: Very wet
  - Burns Property Trail: Needs some clean-up and to be raked
  
- **Other Business:**
  - Discussed a placing a series of articles in the Charlotte News featuring various trails and how to access them next month
  - Discussed posting on Front Porch Forum highlighting lesser known/used trails, including Plouffe Lane, with information about how to access them

**Next Meeting is Tuesday, May 10th**