

Town of Glover
Trails Committee Minutes
October 9, 2023

Present: Peggy Day Gibson, Tim & Brenda Plastridge, Connie Esch, Tim Seibert, Ann Creaven, David Olsen, Heidi Ecker-Racz, and Michelle & Dominic Dominijanni.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.
2. Minutes from last meeting – The minutes from the Sept. 11, 2023 meeting were read and approved.
3. Hester Webster Trail
 - a. Discussed re-placement of bridge that's currently in the stream. Possible new location a little upstream from original location that's narrower and has a pile of rocks that could be useful.
 - b. Talked about fallen trees -- not supposed to remove them. Most you can do is pull them up on the nearest bank. One ended up on the north end of the lake that came from the south end.
 - c. Lake Parker Association: the trail was put in many years ago as a project to complete a path around the lake. Lots of people donated old wooden docks. There are still some left in Mr. Tetrault's field for future use. Usually maintenance is weed-whacking and branch trimming, and maintaining bridges. Probably about a dozen people that work on it all the time, and others who occasionally contribute. Work bees are held on weekend mornings with plenty of notice. Never asked permission from landowners; Monette Place is a private road, but the trail isn't publicized other than on the LPA website. There were a couple of complaints about parking on Monette Place; a No Parking sign was provided. Also issues with people walking across yards on the north end of the lake. There is a sign-in book.
 - d. Anti-slip possibilities: chicken wire, asphalt shingles, hardware cloth (\$85 for 18"x50' roll)
 - e. bridges
 - f. beaver area: started with a small dam on one side. Pipes were put in to allow for drainage. Now they've spread out into a much larger area and close to the lake shore. Brenda and Tim noticed a big influx of beavers after flooding. They are also building on the Stevens Brook side. More than 10 years ago, the beavers were trapped and were gone for quite a while. Brenda will send out a notice to people to put chicken wire around their trees to prevent the beaver from taking them down. State website shows how to put in a big pipe that limits how high the water can rise. Example of this on Greenwood Lake.
 - g. Should identify a couple of most immediately needed projects to collaborate on: fix big bridge with a foundation (need to talk to Bob T, maybe Bob Richards will help), repair or rebuild other places that were damaged. Bog bridges are good. Some downed trees on the land that could be used. Mostly town land.
 - h. We'd also like to add some nature-related signage.
 - i. First step: talk to Bob Tetrault -- Brenda/Tim and LPA will do this. Tell him what we'd like to do, and ask about access to the old docks.

- j. We should also talk to Fish & Game about what to do with beavers. Will ask the LPA fish & game liaison to do this (John Wooten???). Maybe get them here to take a look.
4. ARPA Funding -- there is a time limit for using it -- Dec 2024?. Need to double check when
5. Hinman Rd trail work needed.
 - a. main thing needed is access from Parker Rd to hay field. Could go across existing culvert, then need a bridge over Young's drainage ditch. Can build supports out of PT, decking out of cedar. Set supports onto cinder blocks. Can build this fall. Peggy will talk to Vicky Young. 8 2x8x9' cedar planks, 4 16' PT 6x6, box of 3" long stainless steel screws (50-100). Dave O has cinder blocks. Tentative date Oct. 27, morning.
 - b. need to define path from there
 - c. Can we extend clearing of the old Hinman Road parallel to the VAST trail? That end is now on land owned by the Plastridges.
6. First kiosk is done; would like to have map of Black Hills to put on it by January. Next kiosk will go at the Rt. 16 access, next spring/summer.
7. ARPA funds -- find out from Cindy how much we've already spent
8. VT Parks & Rec. -- VOREC grants. Peggy has done one before. Due Dec. 15. Need exact budget for what you want to do. They want you to ask for at least \$50k. Should focus on Glover Park, including pickleball. Skating rink on town green? Playground area at Glover Park. Ask Jethro for ideas. Also need 3 letters of recommendation/support for the project. Playground could have a covered bridge on a platform, with slides coming down. Look for ideas, send to Michelle and Dominic. Go to Glover Park to check out places -- organize with Jethro, see pump track, scope out where pickleball, playground, volleyball, etc could go. Would like to do this on Saturday Oct. 21. Ann will talk to Jethro.
9. The next Trails Committee meeting is Monday Nov. 13, 7 pm. Still at West Glover Church.
10. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Dominijanni