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Minutes of the Norwich Trails Committee for November 2, 2022

Attendees:

Norwich Trails Committee Members: Craig Layne, Cody Williams. Absent: David Hubbard.

Volunteers and members of the public: George Clark, Bob Fisken, Peter Griggs, Nick Krembs, Sean Ogle, Gerry Plummer

Agenda:

Nick Krembs called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Sean Ogle reported that the Upper Valley Trails Alliance (UVTA) is now working on the handicapped accessible trail in the Milt Frye Nature Area. Part of the work involves hauling numerous loads of stone with a track hauler.

Craig Layne reported on the work day with a good number of volunteers helping at the Woody Adams parcel. Numerous water bars were installed, and a new trail bypass built to avoid a particularly wet area.

Bob Fisken reported on a group survey of the Heyl Trail along the Velco powerline right-of-way. Continued use of the existing mapped route is recommended, but with a more direct path from the top of the old road bed which leads from Bragg Hill road onto the Velco track so as to avoid a particularly wet area. This trail will need annual brush clearing along that more direct path.

Sean Ogle indicated that planned UVTA work on the Powers Trail is anticipated to begin towards the end of next week. The Town has approved this work. All abutters have been notified.

Nick Krembs proposed that the Trails Committee (NTC) plan to hold the next meeting in March of 2023. In the meantime, if a need for a meeting should arise, that could be arranged. Members of the Trails Committee agreed with that proposal. Miranda Bergmeier is to be notified that the NTC does not presently plan to meet in December, January, or February; a change on the town website may be desirable to reflect this new schedule.

A work session for the fall maintenance of the Gile Mountain Trail is scheduled for November 13. Participants are to meet at 8 AM in the parking area for the Gile Mountain Trail. Hoes and rakes will be among the useful tools for that work session.

The NTC and volunteers are to hold a snowshoe walk on December 18; it was suggested that participants bring some munchies to share along the way.

On January 31 Nick Krembs is to be leading a loop walk in Norwich, and a few additional participants from the NTC and volunteers will be welcome to join that group.

Potential work on the Schmidt Bog trail and boardwalk was discussed. Input on the wishes of neighbors is to be sought. Individuals who might have email addresses for the neighbors are to be contacted to facilitate this inquiry.

Sean Ogle reported having some preliminary data on automated counts indicating the number of recent users of the Gile Mountain Trail. Five years of data are now on hand to be analyzed. The count data are not exact because of the way the counts are recorded.

The Woods Road for the Woody Allen Tract needs to be added to the Norwich Trails maps.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

George Clark, Substitute Scribe