

Trail committee meeting – June 17th 2015

Material needs for upcoming projects (updated list from meeting notes)

1. (2 ea) PT 4x6x16' long stringers
2. (2 ea) 36" wide x 24" diameter culvert pieces
3. (8 ea) PT 2x8x12' long boards (duck bridges + Bower bridge)
4. (6 ea) PT 2x4x12' long studs
5. Large box of 2.5" phillips head exterior all purpose screws
6. #2 square head deck screw bits 4 pack
7. 1/8" hex drive base xl long drill bits 4 pack
8. "Off Road" HD hand truck with pneumatic tires
9. Brush cutter removed to DPW
10. Tax ID document, PO, job name information necessary for these purchases
11. Prioritize purchases based on available funds

Properties Overview

1. **White Property** – monitor new bridge and maybe re-do footings based on experience at RD
2. **Rocky Dundee** – monitor new bridge; finish work on duckboards and/or add small footbridge through boggy area east of stream; clear and blaze trail to RD Circle. Gordon built a 9' section for the boggy area past our new bridge location - installed on 6.16. One more 10'+/- section necessary to finish this project. Gordon will craft these components, team to install TBD.
3. **Bower Springs to Bear Hill** – finish design; build and install main bridge; move existing bridges upstream and redo footings; clear and blaze the revised trail
 - a. Need to test drive the existing plan for the Culvert Bridge over the stream near Bare Hill and plan construction work.
 - b. Replace duck-board walks near entry
 - c. Relocate two existing serviceable bridges upstream per plan front last fall
 - d. Confirm that the plans that involve relocation of trail do not violate any property rights
4. **Harris Farm entry to Rattlesnake Hill** – fix broken treads on boardwalk near entrance (completed)
5. **Vaughn Hills**– finish mapping and color coding of trails, publish new maps, update trail markers and signage.
 - a. Renaming the Beaver Loop Trail in Vaughn Hill to Friendship Trail - check with Rona Balco if you want more detail why she is requesting this.
 - b. Use Betsy's list of things that need attention
6. **Moen Property** – deal with boggy section near entrance (relocate or do duckboards) and make punch-list for other existing bridges
 - a. Adjust entry trail away from boggy section where approaches the loop trail
 - b. Check other damp spots and relocate trail as needed
 - c. Check existing bridges for stability and schedule repairs
 - d. Remap the two loops near Bear Hill and decide whether or not to keep

- e. Re-look at the water-boards added to the Summit Trail and see what's actually needed
7. **Bolton Loop Trail** – discuss existing and proposed trail network and go forward action items
8. **Annie Moore**
 - a. Walk full trail and record boardwalks and bridges; create repair list.
 - b. Replace known missing board
9. **Zinc Property; *Notify abutters.***
 - a. Reinforce one bridge thought to be defective
 - b. Assess conditions of 4 other bridges
 - c. One bridge needs extension -- get specifics
10. **Vinger Property**
 - a. Scope out options for crossing swampy area (again). Look at possibility of duck bridges
 - b. with a raised bridge across the stream itself.
 - c. Review trail out to private drive for feasibility
11. **Wilder Pond *Clarify this one; should it be Welch Pond?***
Develop plan for restoring flow between ponds without new construction

Other TC Items

1. Town Maps – Gary P and .gpx files meeting. Need to schedule with team.
2. Inventory Spreadsheet – track materials in storage container and use within properties
3. Microsoft One Drive – store all photos and documents
4. TC Logo & Signs – develop a standard car window sign and possible TC “brand” for shirts, decals...
5. Any updates on new or temp Conservation Administrator.
6. An Eagle Scout is might be interested in building a new trail on the conservation land off Forbush Mill Road. Gordon and Winslow have explored these parcels too.