

Minutes of Town Forest Committee meeting August 20th, 2012
Story Memorial Hall

Members in attendance: Dennis Lemire, Laura Stillson, Rudy Gross and Jim Lyall
Public Attendees: Glenn Seward

Meeting called to order: 6:30 p.m.

Changes or Additions

None

Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Act 250 Proposed Amendments on Trail Usage

Snowmobile trail proposal was deferred by the select board until next year.

Glenn said that in discussion with Act 250 co-ordinator use of vehicles for maintenance and emergency is assumed.

Glenn said that use of the gravel pit area for stumps and other debris would require a permit and that the select board was not going to go there.

It was agreed that the Bicentennial hiking trail was not part of the Act 250 purview and that the minor changes to the route that have been proposed would not have to go through the amendment process.

Signage, maps and promotional flyer/video status

Jim reported that about 90% of the signs are up. Trail names, intersection #'s, trailhead direction arrows, most cautions, Foot traffic only, No Motorized Vehicle are in place. He presented a design for the WWTF sign that was OK'd.

Rudy asked that trees obstructing the view of cars stopped at mailboxes at the end of Coaching Lane be removed. Jim and Glenn agreed that this was a job for the highway crew.

Jim asked where the TF entrance sign should go. Although the TF property line isn't until almost where the road turns left and up the hill, the sign should go near the Plausteiner's driveway.

Glenn said that things at the resort should become clearer shortly, and that he wanted to hold off on any major promotion until this winter.

The bridge to go in on Home Again just above Glenn's may have to be re-designed if a nordic trail groomer is to be accommodated. The next STAB trail day will be used for building a way around the steep section of Southern Belle, as Tii had recommended.

Jim presented the Trail Report (attached) that he gave to the select board. No objections to the enclosed proposals were expressed.

Laura suggested that signing an intermediate loop with blue arrows (as she saw at Millstone) would be helpful.

Kiosk

It will be built in early September.

Bicentennial Trail

Glenn is the contact person for the town for any questions about the Bi Trail, but in reality, Laura is the person who knows the most about it. She has been in contact with several people who have volunteered to help with re-routing where it is too steep, slippery and eroded. She volunteered to organize this effort. Laura and Jim will do a chainsaw/maintenance day in mid to late October.

Proposed Meeting Day Change

_____ There was no day during the first week of the month that everyone could attend a regular meeting. Jim suggested that he send out the trail report the Friday before the select board meeting. If any members want to comment, change or object to any item, they can attend the select board to discuss it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Lyall, TFC Secretary