

Cabot Trails Committee  
Draft Meeting Minutes  
April 10, 2019

Members Present: Gary Gulka, Andy Gilbert, Gwen Hallsmith, Paul Wade, Michael Socks, Kris Schmitt

Next Meeting: May 8, 7 pm

Draft minutes of March 14 approved without changes

Public Comment

None

Cabot Trails Initiative

The Committee met with Dan Currier of Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission and reviewed draft documents he prepared, the List of State/Regional/Local Trail Groups and Guide to Trail Planning and Design.

List of State/Regional/Local Trail Groups

Added one additional contact for VT Dept. of Forests, Parks & Recreation (FPR) - John Medose, who is manager of Molly's Falls Pond State Park and has a great deal of trail design and maintenance experience. It was mentioned that Jessica Savage is a key contact at FPR, as Recreation Program Manager, for grant opportunities and maintainer of Trail Finder.

Guide to Trail Planning and Design

It was suggested that more information be added to the Guide on erosion control and stream crossings.

Need for trail development and maintenance workshop was discussed. Possibility that FPR or CVRPC could sponsor.

First Public Meeting

It was decided that the first public meeting seeking public input on desired trail location would be held on a Saturday morning, approximately 2 hours in length, with a brief PowerPoint presentation followed by a mapping exercise where participants can identify preferred location on maps (origin and destination map). We will also receive feedback on Purpose and Need Statement. We will offer a free breakfast. Preferred date is May 18, depending on availability of Willey Building. Suggested title for the meeting: *Talking Trails Breakfast*. The Committee will convene in a week or two to discuss advertising

and outreach to attract the greatest number of people as well as breakfast menu. Emails, Front Porch Forum posts, posters and phone calls were identified as needed outreach. Child care was suggested.

#### July 4 Event

It was suggested that the Cabot Trails Committee participate in July 4 festivities by having a table on the green and participating in the parade. It was agreed that this is a good outreach opportunity. We discussed creating a banner that could be used at the table and in the parade. CVRPC can provide assistance in printing a banner. Gwen will work on a banner design.

#### Other Business

New committee members were discussed. Follow up on this will be done before the next meeting.

There was discussion about starting our meetings at 6 pm but no change was made as of yet.