



**Town of
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Conservation Commission

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Minutes

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Conservation Commission

Meeting Start at or about 7:00 PM

Present: Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman
Jay Chrystal, Vice-Chairman
Tom Rogers, Member
Drew Kellner, Selectboard Representative
Jerry Jaworski, Alternate
Ron Olsen, Alternate Selectboard Representative

Absent: Jordan Bailey, Member and Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate

Minutes

Jay made a motion to approve the March 12, 2019 minutes as written. Tom seconded.

Vote yes 4-0

Jay made a motion to approve the April 9th, 2019 both public and non-public minute as written. Tom seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

Eagle Scout Candidate, Hayden Smith – building/installing kiosks for Eagle Scout Project.

Hayden said he would like to build a kiosk. He handed out plan to the Board for review (attached). Tom said they will need one at the end of Sawtelle Road and Conneck Road. **Buddy** said Whitcomb Bross area could use one. **Drew** said he thought the Sawtelle area would be more of a priority. **Hayden** said he need the project signed off on within the next few weeks he will need to present this to the Eagle Scout Board. The Conservation Commission agreed that once they decided where this will go that Tom would be able to sign off on this project for the Board. **Drew made a motion to allow Tom to make the decision and sign off on any documents needed to go forth with this Eagle Scout project. Jay seconded. Vote yes 4-0.** **Hayden** asked if he would need a permit for this Kiosk. **Buddy** said he was all set. **Tom** said he will check with the builder to see when this area would be ready for the kiosk installed. **Drew** suggested cedar roof it will last longer and is easier to work with. Hayden will be doing a bake sale at the Hollis Dump for his fund raiser.

Nissitissit River Park

Drew said all the easement documentation went to the owner for signatures. At this point all the work is done and they will need to go to the Planning Board on June 20, 2019. **Drew made a motion to authorize Jay to sign anything necessary for that project and o approve the payment of this will be the cost surveying and the legal documentation. Jerry seconded. Vote yes 4-0.** **Drew** said the gate will be moved to the property line of the easement. **Jay** said there is a kiosk there already. **Buddy** said they will be moving some of the boulders an adding a gate so the drafting site can be reached by the fire Department when needed. **Drew** said he is the liaison to the Fire Department he will he will speak to the Chief about the drafting site. **Jerry** asked when **Drew** envisioned an opening to this area. **Drew** said sometime in September.

Trails Committee Update:

Plan for the trails in Palmer-Bartell — including approving names for unnamed trails, re-routes and closures

Jerry said he would like to:

- Identify and approve names and re-routes of existing unnamed MTB trails
- Identify existing trails that should not be mapped and request NRPC to remove them from their Public Trails database if applicable
- Decide whether to block and/or mark the trails that extend onto private property
- Decide whether to request NRPC to re-map trails on private property that are accessible to the public

Jerry said there is a trail in the northeast corner that goes through private property we will block this trail. **Tom** said they have found a reroute for that trail. **Buddy** suggested they still GPS the trail that goes over private property in case someone is lost out there the Emergency management crews will have this information. **Jerry** asked if they should put up signs that state they are about to go onto private property. The Board agreed that blocking the trail should be enough. **Jerry** said if they GPS the trail over private property it will show up on the website. **Buddy** suggested they create a layer just for the Emergency Management in case someone is lost they know where all the potential trails are. **Jerry** said he will ask if that is something they can do. We could also get a GPX files once it is done. **Jerry** presented the rest of his presentation:

Winding Ledges Trail

Trailhead on Blue Length: 1.15 miles Issues/Considerations:

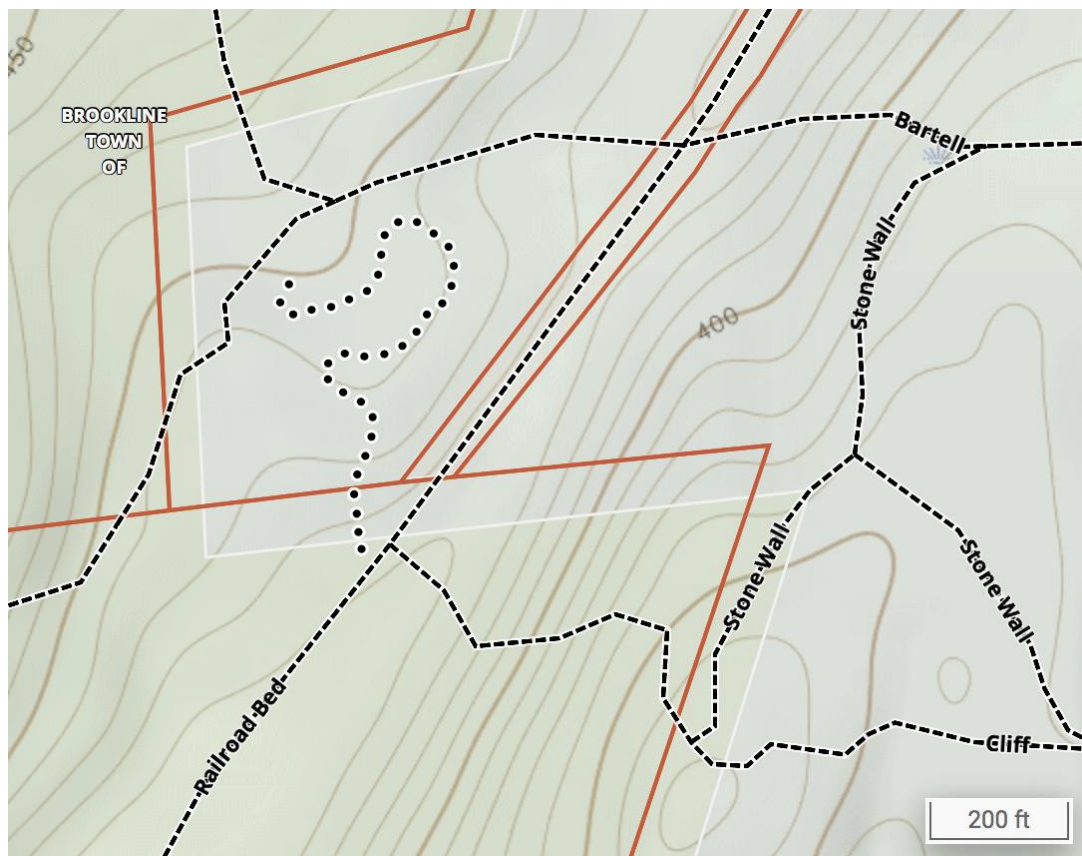
Recommendation: Section of trail from Blue up to loop needs to be relocated away from seasonal stream

Recommendation: Granite Slide trailhead at loop will be closed and signed (?) to prevent traffic through Mahan property

Recommendation: Extension that goes through Cassidy & Richardson property onto Rocky Hill with be closed and signed (?)

The Board was ok with the Name.

Split Rock Trail



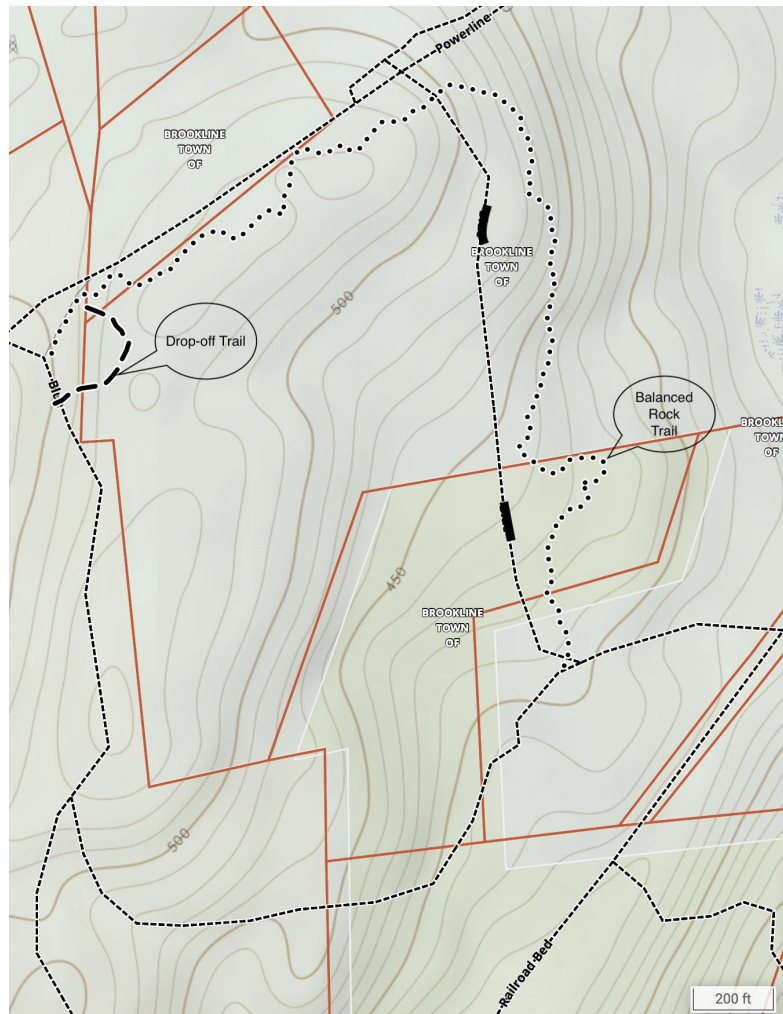
Split Rock Trail

Trailheads on the Rail Trail and Scout Length: .19 miles

No current trail issues

The Board had no issues with the name.

Balanced Rock Trail



Balanced Rock Trail

Trailheads on Bartell and Blue Length: .65 miles

No current trail issues

Jerry said this continues north parallel with Bartell Trail but out of sight of the trail. it follows the power lines. **Buddy** said **Cindy Lou** cut in this trail. The Board had no issues with the name.

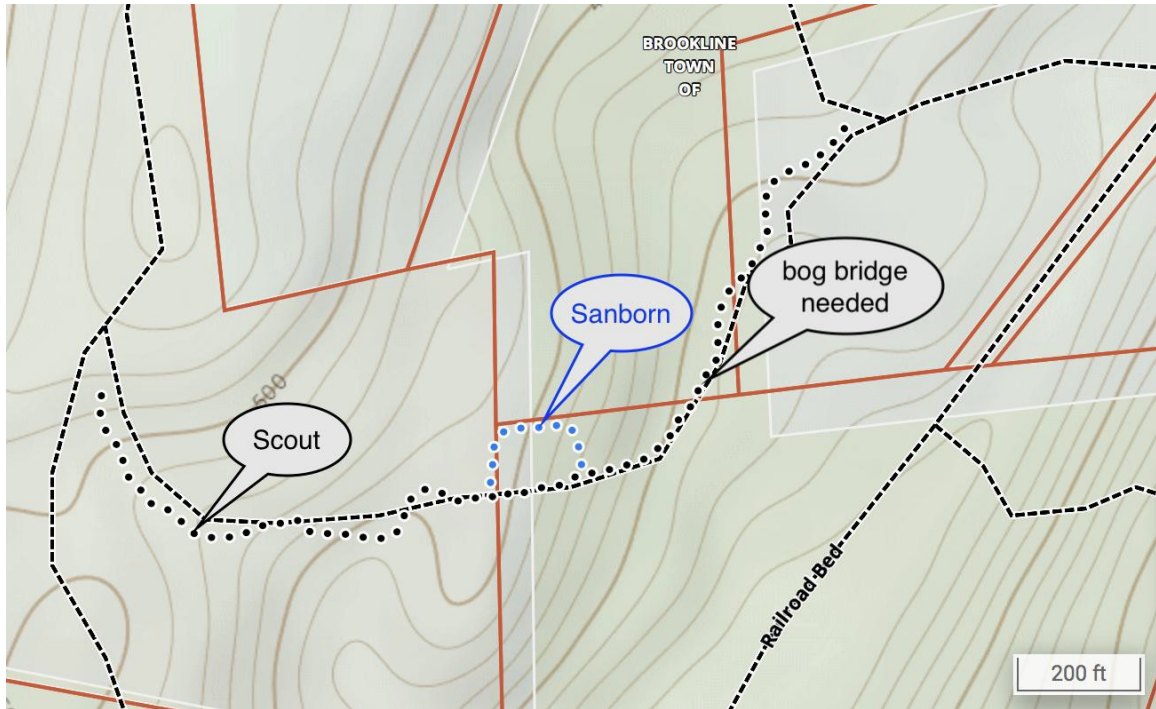
Drop-off Trail

Trailheads on Balanced Rock and Blue Length: 133 yards

Alternate steep and rocky descent to Blue No current trail issues

Jerry said this is a fairly short trail. The Board had no issues with the name.

Scout and Sanborn Trails



Trailheads on Bartell and Blue

Length: .35 miles (Scout)

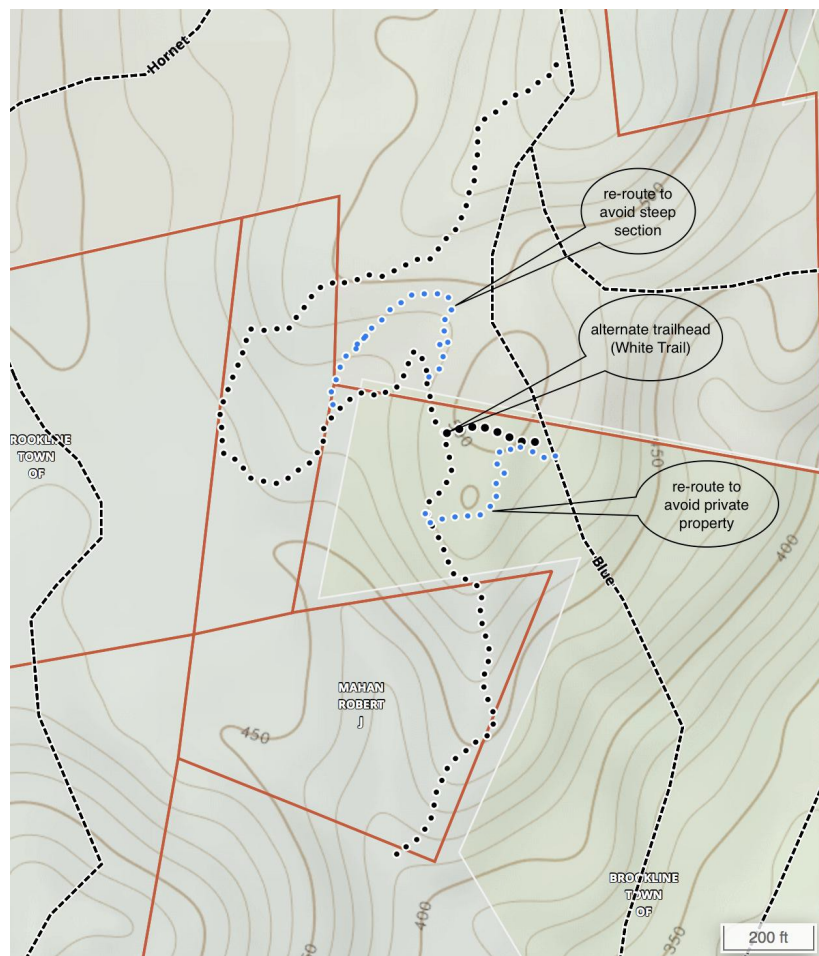
.05 miles (Sanborn) Trail Issues

1. Recommendation: The steep section of Scout should be closed to prevent further erosion

Recommendation: Close the steep section on Scout and remove the Sanborn signs since Sanborn is no longer a separate trail
2. Note: The wet section on Scout (see map) needs a bog bridge (can be done later)

Buddy said the Scout trail is actually called the White trail. **Tom** said they could call the whole trail the Sanborn Trail. The Board agreed. **Drew** said now that there is a loop they should block off the super steep section. Jerry said they will also need a bridge at this location at some point.

Granite Slide Trail



Granite Slide Trail

Trailheads on Blue and Winding Ledges Length: .60 miles

Trail Issues

1. The trail transits Mahan property

Recommendation: use the White Trail (black dots) to connect to Blue

Recommendation: build the re-route trail (blue dots) to Blue later (possibly during the June Trail Day) because it retains an interesting section of the existing trail and provides a more gradual descent to Blue than the White Trail

2. The steep section should be re-routed to avoid erosion

Recommendation: build the re-route trail later (possibly during the June Trail Day) since erosion is not currently a serious issue

Jerry said this is a good location for snow shoeing and the Mountain Bikers like it also. We will be closing this through the private property and reroute it through town property. **Tom** said there is a hairpin turn at the bottom of the trail and when it rains the water is eroding the trail. **Jerry** said add this as a long term goal to correct the erosion issue. The Board agreed they were ok with the reroute.

Rail Trail Naming

In the interests of public safety and to avoid confusion, we should name the sections of the Rail Trail

- within Palmer-Bartell
Recommendation: Brookline Rail Trail North
- between Scabbard Mill Brook Rd and North Mason Rd
Recommendation: to rename unnamed
- between Mason Rd and North Mason Rd
Recommendation: Camp Tevya Rail Trail (probably needs approval by Camp Tevya management)
- between Sunoco and Bohannon Bridge Rd
Recommendation: Brookline Rail Trail South

Rail Trail (South End)

Recommendation: Rename “RR Bed” (per Rail Trail naming slide)

Recommendation: Re-map to show the Rail Trail going straight through junction with Hutchinson

Recommendation: Stop mapping at southern end of easement on D-3-5 and post sign for private property

Note: Rail Trail is not and will remain unmapped between Scabbard Mill and North Mason



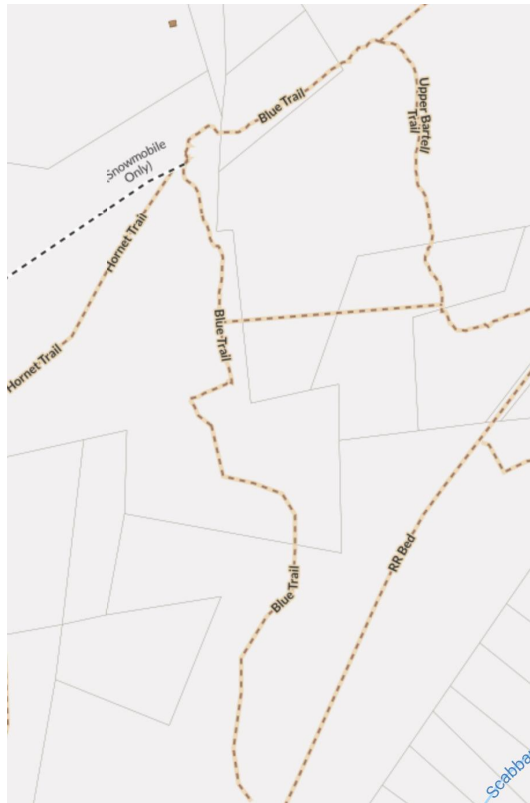
Rail Trail Naming

Buddy said the Rail Road bed has already been named. The section from Sunoco station to the State line is called the Potanipo Rail Trail which was named by Nissitissit River Land Trust and Beaver Brook. The Rail Road bed from Sunoco north to the Milford is called Brookline Rail Trail North.

Blue Trail

Does the Blue Trail end at the power lines or does it continue along the power lines to connect to Bartell?

Recommendation: Since Balanced Rock Trail already connects Bartell and Blue, avoid the high voltage buzz and end Blue at the power lines.



Jerry said he would like NRPC to remap this section because there is a discrepancy in the current map they have. They should also not stop mapping at lot D-3-5 and go right thought Brian Moores driveway. **Tom** said Bernice doesn't want anything on the map but he will ask if she is ok to map it for emergency management purposes only. **Buddy** said one end of the Blue trail goes to the power lines. **Drew** asked if the Board though they should name the power lines also. The Board agreed to not name the powerlines.

Bartell Trail and Upper Bartell Trail

It's really the same trail and it runs from the parking lot to the powerlines

It can be confusing to know what trail you're on

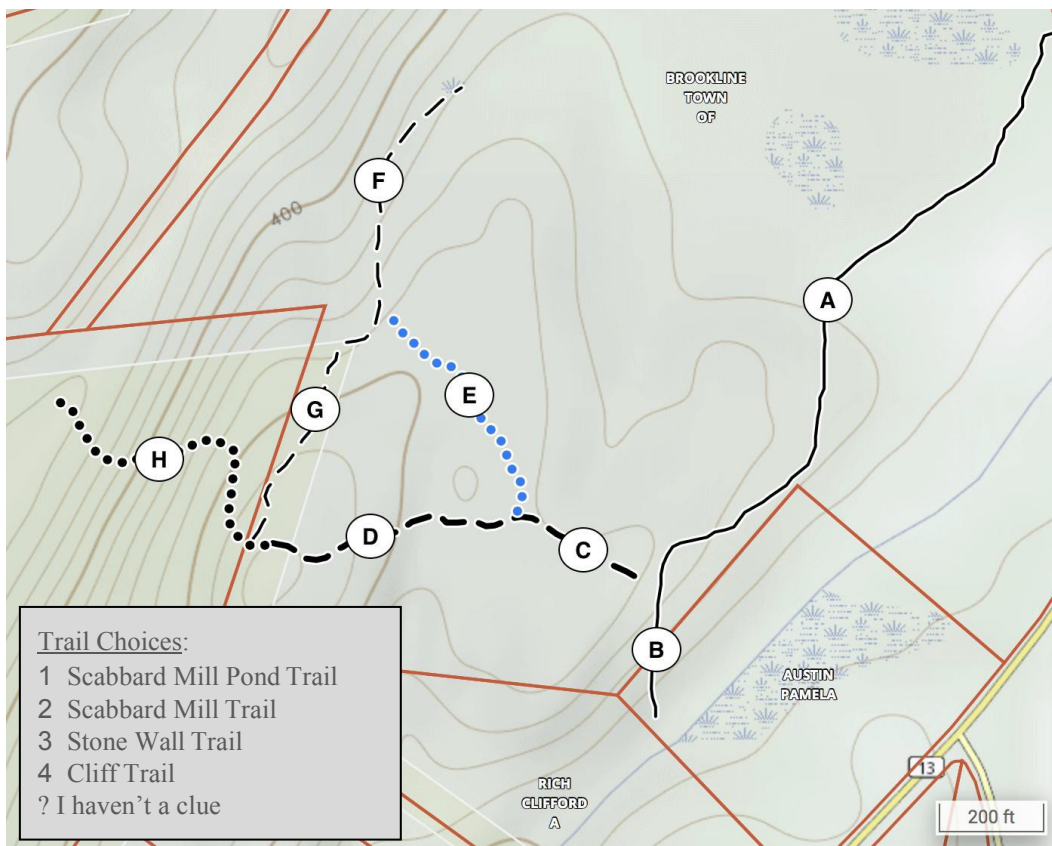
Recommendation: Avoid the confusion and call it the Bartell Trail

Jerry said in his opinion they should call the whole thing the Bartell Trail instead of the Bartell Trail and the Upper Bartell Trail. **Drew** said although that makes sense we have applied for Grants for the upper Bartell Trail so he believes they should leave this as is.

Stone Wall and Vicinity

Multiple Choice Quiz:

Segment	Guess	Correct Answer
A	1	
B	1	
C	2	
D	2	
E	?	
F	3	
G	3	
H	4	

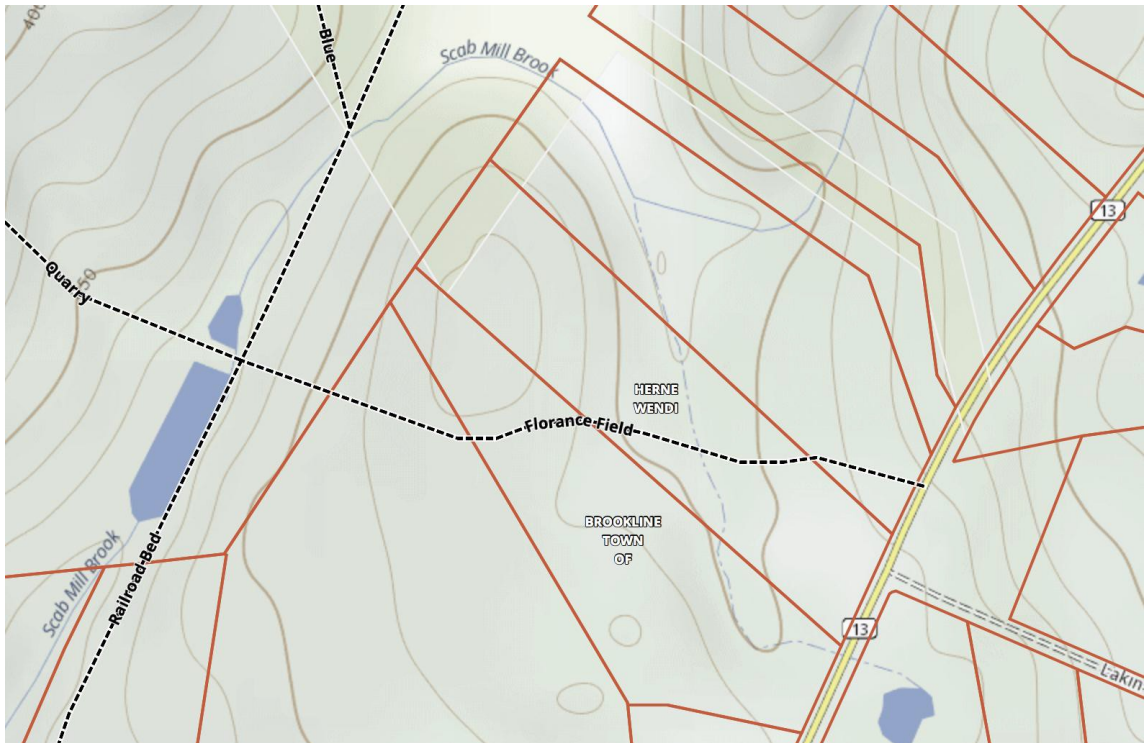


The Board said A, C, and D is the Scabbard Mill Pond Trail. H is the Cliff Trail, F and G is called the Stone Wall Trail and E will be called Putney Path.

Florance Field Trail

Trail transits private property.

Recommendation: Remove it from the NRPC database



Jay said this should be part of the Palmer Bartell area. This trail is in bad shape and will need to be mapped. **Drew** asked if they should open that field up again. The Board agreed.

Dickerson Trail and Vicinity

1. Dickerson transits private property.

Recommendation: Remove from NRPC database

2. **Recommendation:** Re-map to show our Rail Trail is on “Conserved Land” and connects in a straight line to Granite Town Rail Trail

3. Unnamed trail from Ruonala Rd to Rail Trail transits private property.

Recommendation: Remove from NRPC database



The Board agreed to remove the Dickerson Trail off Public mapping. **Tom** said if someone was lost in this area this Dickerson Trail would give Emergency Services access to this area.

More NRPC Mapping Requests

Recommendations: We should we ask NRPC to re-map the following trails to assure accuracy:

1. Hutchinson
2. Rocky Hill
3. Ball Hill
4. Power Lines
5. Rail Trail

The Board agreed to have Jerry ask NRPC to GPS these trails also.

and finally...

Did we forget any trails?

Questions?

Comments?

Buddy said they are missing one trail one the list on lot D-4 they will also need to name this trail and have NRPC GPS this area. This is the land they bought off of John Ganos and added to the Town Lot D-4. The Board agreed. **Jerry** asked where it was located and the Board referred to the map showing Jerry where to find it.

Milfoil

Buddy said they will be treating Lake Potanipo for Milfoil on May 30, 21019. They will be send the signs in the mail and someone will need to put them up around the lake they do send specific instructions. Once Kristen lets us know they are at the Town offices if someone could volunteer to put them up that would be great.

Adopt the Code of Ethic – recommended by the Selectboard

Drew made a motion to adopt the code of ethics. Tom seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

Letter of Support for the Mason Conservation Commission - ARM Grant application

Drew said the town of Mason ha the opportunity to purchase a 274 acres parcel for \$600,000 a resident of Mason will step up and purchase the property for the town of Mason while they try to raise the money for this land. **Buddy made a motion to allow Drew to type a letter of support for the Mason Conservation Commission and sign it for the Brookline Conservation Commission. Jay seconded. Vote yes 4-0.**

River Clean Up

Tom said Katie Kramarczyk contacted the BCC after the Paddle down the Nissitissit River and asked if she could organize a river clean up event. The Board agreed this was a good idea.

Mowing

Buddy said they should mow the Cider Mill Pond Trail head. **Tom** said he has a crappy mower if he can start it he will go down and mow it.

Martin Field

Drew said he went down to the Martin field to clean up some sumac and brambles last weekend. He said he spoke with the two abutters the couple in the barn house and Wes Toms across the street and told him that they would like to keep the property open and if the abutter wanted to go over and cut up or clip some brush that would be great. He also asked Wes if he could pull up the fencing with his excavator that has the thumb attachment. Right now it is wet and mushy but when it dries up Wes said he will do that.

Pierce Pond

Buddy said the water level had dropped at Pierce Pond heading south on Route 13 and he just wanted to announce that this is regular maintenance done by the town DPW to drop the water level. There is two feet of banking showing at the moment and people have been asking what is going on.

501 Snowmobile Trail - Birch Hill Trail to to Old Milford Road

Buddy said the Hollis Northeasters have applied for a grant and aid to do some trail work form Birth Hill Road to Old Milford Road. Jay asked if the Route 13 crossing was ever approved. Buddy said no they were turned down again.

Hood Road Parking area for Bartell Trail Head Access

Buddy said they need to get the word out about the Hood Road parking for Bartell Trail access to the mountain bikers because on a Sunday morning they take up a lot of parking at the trail head parking lot.

Trails Closed

Buddy said the Hollis trail are closed for Mud season and a few weeks ago he saw mountain bikes coming out of the Bartell trail area covered in mud. We should be closing trails due to mud season. The Trails Committee should be putting up signs and putting something on social media. The Board agreed to have the Trail Committee close all trail to everything but foot traffic for the mud season. **Buddy** said if Hollis has closed they should be closed to. **Drew** said he would like a price estimate on signage.

Non-public

Jay made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91 A: II (d) for the discussion of possible land acquisition and immediately adjourn the meeting. **Tom** seconded. Roll call vote **Buddy**, **Jay**, **Tom**, and **Drew** all voted yes.

Jay made a motion to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes. **Tom** seconded. Roll call vote **Buddy**, **Jay**, **Tom**, and **Drew** all voted yes.

Adjourn

Jay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm. **Tom** seconded. Vote yes 4-0.

Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman, _____

Jay Chrystal, Vice-Chairman, _____

Tom Rogers, Member, _____

Jerry Jaworski, Alternate, _____

Drew Kellner, Selectboard Representative _____

Minutes submitted by Kristen Austin

Next meeting will be held on June 11, 2019