



Town of Warner, New Hampshire
Mink Hills Recreation Committee
Wednesday, March 22, 2022

MINUTES -Draft
IN-PERSON MEETING
Warner Town Hall, 7:00 pm

Attending: Christine Frost, Craig Tufts, Andy Duncan, David Minton, Rebecca Courser, Sarah Allen, Peter Bates, Gerald Courser and Nancy Martin

Sarah Allen agreed to chair the group. Her election passed unanimously. Nancy agreed to take minutes for this meeting. In the future minutes will be sent to Sarah for her review. Minutes from the February 23 meeting were not official due to the lack of a quorum. Christine agreed to set up the technology for each meeting so people can view the proceedings online.

Craig described his recent work on the Mink Hills base map. Each section (from one intersection to the next) of Class VI roads has been broken up so the criteria can be applied to each section. Craig identified each road section with a “tick mark.”

At our last meeting we began to list what Class VI road conditions required for each recreational activity. The subcommittee decided that necessary road conditions will be determined from the “trail perspective,” not from the “rider perspective.” For example, acceptable conditions for mountain biking might be different from the “trail’s perspective.” A “rider’s perspective” would prefer rutted, water filled or muddy trails.

What conditions will inhibit a recreational activity and what trail conditions will support an activity under existing road conditions that don’t require an influx of town funds to improve the trail. For example, trail surface should not dictate the type of activity. Instead prime considerations should be based on a trail’s 1) slope, 2) water features, 3) wetlands. If the any one of these 3 criteria are not met, the recreational activity drops out of consideration. Will the trail be degraded by that activity?

Craig read the specifications on the spreadsheet. How will we determine “slope?” 1 foot over 100 feet? Topo maps should be helpful. We proceeded to test out our approach:

Section 1- Cunningham Pond Rd: Mink Hill Rd to Sisco Cemetery_ wetlands

Section 2- Cunningham Pond Rd: Sisco Cemetery to Daisy Hollow Rd. (6a)_Beaver Pond (which would need improvement)

Highlight in yellow where data is needed.

- Section 4-** Daisy Hollow Rd. (6A) to Burnap Corner_ eroded steep, boulders
- Section 5-** Daisy Hollow from Henniker Rd. back to Cunningham Pond Rd._ Class VI decent to stream, at the stream needs bridge/culvert over Warner Brook; slopes, drainage issues, boulders. Would require major upgrade for some uses.
- Section 6-** Wiggin Trace_ flat, dry
- Section 7-** Cunningham Pond Rd.from Burnap Corner (Page Rd.) to Henniker/ Gould Rd. intersection_ Trail improved by loggers, rip rap in road.
- Section 8-**Page Rd. to snowmobile trail (7A)from Glover Trace- wet steep, rocky ledge.
- Section 9-**Page Rd. cemetery- a wet hole to Cunninfram Pond Rd. on private property the Class VI dry, then wet to Glover Trace (suitable for winter use)
- Section 10-** Page Rd. to Horne Street_ flat wet.
- Section 11-** Horne Street- steep, sees little activity
- Section 12-**Collins Rd._ ledge, steep, wet, needs drainage
- Section 12A-** Davis Rd. stream, bridge replacement or culvert being considered by PW Dept.
- Section 13-**Henniker Rd.Class V Seasonal
- Section 14-** Badger Lane from Henniker Rd to hilltop_ steep rocky, seasonally wet
- Section 15-** Badger Lane from hilltop to Hoyt Lane__ steep rocky, wet
- Section 16-** Loud Lane to W. Joppa Rd._ water, rocky, ledge
- Section 17-**Hoyt Lane (north end) from Badger to intersection Bear Pond Rd._ dry to school house monument
- Section 18-**Hoyt Lane (south end) culverts, wet in summer, near wetlands.
- Section 19-** Spencer's Driveway. Craig will renumber
- Section 21-**Bear Pond, a new road, Hopkinton Precinct connector and watershed
- Section 22-**Snowmobile, feels like a Class VI road, stone walls either side, steep, wet gated
- Section 23-** Bear Pond south, rocky, wet, steep.
- Section 24-** Bear Pond north, wet, steep, trapped water.
- Section 25-** Kelly Hill Rd from Parade Ground to E. Joppa-wet, steep, eroded
- Section 26-** East Joppa Rd.-flat, dry
- Section 27-** Dummer to E. Joppa Snowmobile trail- like #22 really wet
- Section 28-** Dummer Rd, very wet
- Section 29-** From Dummer to Pleasant Pond, like #27 wet

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting planned for April 20th. Sarah will heck for availability.

Respectfully,
Nancy Martin, Scribe