



Town of Warner, New Hampshire
Mink Hills Recreation Study Committee
Thursday, July 7, 2022

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

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

June minutes were reviewed with edits:

Motion: Rebecca made the motion to accept June minutes with edits,; seconded by Peter Bates. Approved

Craig put up the revised road map showing road conditions as good, fair and poor. This map can be overlaid with any other map to show co-occurrence. When overlaid on the roads map, the heat map from Trails for Wildlife and People was easier to interpret than when overlaid with the biological significance shown on the Wildlife Action Map (WAP) with the highest environmental values.

We will use the MH Conservation Plan map to identify MH boundaries. Sarah would like to include the wildlife corridors map from NH Fish and Game. Example: Cunningham Pond Rd. has significant wildlife crossings. Should they be included on a map and kept away from recreational activities?

Nancy will send Rebecca and Sarah the spreadsheet of MH landowners and parcels.

We reviewed Sarah's first draft of the report. Andy suggested working from an outline and will "nest" an outline into Sarah's draft plan.

How much material should we present at the public meeting on Sept 8th? We reviewed the project Work Plan:

Use the Bradford Class VI road assessment approach in combination with Sarah and Rebecca's visual road assessment.

1st meeting- invite landowners, snowmobile clubs, NEMBA etc. We must have a sign-in sheet;

2nd meeting- Recommendations. Ask "Are we on the right track?" Draft Recommendations'

3rd meeting- Town Meeting and Badger Lane proposal

After the first meeting we will have a better idea of what is reasonable

We will present data, get feedback, keep discussion open ended. Define Class A trails; Show reference materials. Shall we break into small groups at first meeting with each group reporting out. Record their concerns and turn into a report.. Several of us will facilitate topics.

We need to write up an agenda with an Introduction. We will hang maps around the room, identify topic groups and record it all on an easel. Should we have a questionnaire with check boxes and talking points for attendees to open the meeting. Strengths, weaknesses and opportunities.

We could start with 5 questions on topics. Craig said that CNHRPC staff facilitates meetings like this all the time.

Topics to prompt discussion could include: What do/don't you like about the Minks? What do you already do in the MH- summer/winter; motorized/ non-motorized? What's important about the Minks? What activities would you like to see.

What is the charge to the MH Rec Committee from the BOS? Andy found the first meeting minutes and sent it to all of us. Prefer to use "Public Input" in place of "Issues" In any event we must keep the meeting focused on recreational activities.

Motion to adjourn: Sarah made the motion to adjourn; Nancy seconded. Motion approved at 9:00.