

- Call to Order at 5:06pm
- In Attendance: Jeremy Litchfield, Dennis Wilson, Priscilla Davis, Blaine Moore, Amy Brewer, Fred Koerber (plus 11 members of the local mountain bike community)
- Current Projects
 - Dennis reported that replacement road signs are in hand and should be installed by the end of next week.
 - Dennis reported that Jamie is almost done fabricating the interpretive signs, which should be in hand by the middle of next week and installed by mid-July.
- Budget
 - We will need to use committee funds to replace the picnic table that was destroyed as no replacement could be found before the FEMA funds expired. Dennis will get a firm quote on a replacement (estimated at about \$1500) and we can approve the purchase over email.
 - New budget year begins July 1.
- Current Maintenance Priorities and Updates
 - Update trails map
 - Update kiosk info - Jeremy will get the digital files to Dennis for our interpretive signs which will be printed and installed in the back of the kiosk
 - Fix/replace broken trail signs
 - Remove invading white pines from pitch pines - this will be a Winter project
 - Remove invasive plants - this will be a Winter project
 - Remove poison ivy - Dennis will get a waiver from the town so that he can spray it
 - Restore American chestnut trees
 - Replacement of metal picnic table
 - Refill kiosk brochures - Some editing/corrections are required, Priscilla will provide the info to Dennis. If necessary, we can get them re-digitized to an editable format (estimated at \$50-\$100.)
 - Replace dead tricentennial trees
 - Create safe pedestrian crossing on Route 123 from Brunswick Landing - this project is on hold while the town acquires ownership of approximately 100 acres on the landing, and the Navy is still in control of approximately 44 acres.
- Trail Usage, Maintenance, and Management
 - A new inventory and updated trail maps are required so we can assess the existing trail locations (both sanctioned and created without permission.)
 - Once we understand the current trail usage and determine future permitted activities, we can mark the trails appropriately and include that information on new trail maps.
 - Priscilla reminded us that the Town Commons are held in trust by the Town Council and are not town land. The Town Commons Committee makes recommendations but the Town Council approves those recommendations.
 - The town is in charge of maintaining the trails, so we discussed what the rules are and how to get volunteer maintenance days scheduled.
 - Discussion about the process for maintaining the existing trails and building new trails, including the permitting process and wetland delineation and other topics that prevent us from just creating new trails where we want them.
 - The land under discussion is the 78 acres currently managed by the Town Commons committee and does not include the Land for Maine Futures land or other trails (which tend to be more heavily restricted and are managed by Parks & Recreation), with the

caveat that connecting as many trail systems as possible throughout the town is a priority.

- Discussion of how we will map and track the trails, the increased use of the trails during the pandemic which has led to inappropriate blazing of unofficial trails, and additional problems outside of the environmental concerns that need to be addressed. (For example, seasonal use of trails and the impact of different types of users on snowpack such as snowshoes, bicyclists, skiers, pedestrians, dogs, etc.)
- Kris Harrelson (President of the local NEMBA chapter) noted that there is a significant number of bicyclists that use the Town Commons trails based on Strava data.
- The next steps the committee and the community should take:
 1. Dennis will map the existing trails between June 29th and July 1st, and will provide maps on or around July 5th.
 2. Interested parties from the bicycle community should try to coordinate to a single point of contact between themselves and the committee to make sure that their communications don't get missed.
 3. The local NEMBA chapter will determine the number of people and frequency that they may be able to commit to for volunteer trail maintenance days and coordinate with the town.
 4. Pull together a stakeholder subcommittee or hold a public meeting that involves all interested parties.
 5. Create rules that will hopefully be consistent with other trails in town so that it will be easier to educate everybody about permitted uses.
- There is a perception that the town wants to ban mountain biking at the Town Commons; this is not true and has not been for 20+ years when it was turned down. Anyone interested in having a say in permitted uses should attend the public committee meetings and read up on previous meeting minutes.
- Adjournment at 6:22pm