

Mount Agamenticus Steering Committee

Meeting Minutes

Day: Wednesday, June 08, 2022

Location: Mount Agamenticus Lodge, York, ME

Time: 9:30am – 11:30am

Members Present:

Conservation Coordinator, *Robin Kerr*
Great Works Regional Land Trust, *Jill Crosbie*
Maine Dept. Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, -----
Town of South Berwick, *John Branagan*
Town of York, *Robin Cogger*
York Land Trust, -----
York Water District, *Gary Stevens*

Public/others present: *Ben Jankowski*, Mt. A Trails, Grounds & Facilities Supervisor and
Naomi Densmore, Mt. A Outreach and Education Coordinator

Chair: *Robin Cogger*

Minutes: taken by *Jill Crosbie* and transcribed by *Robin Kerr*

Public forum: n/a

Correspondence/ presentations/ requests: n/a

Approve minutes from previous meeting:

Minutes from 04/13/2022 meeting reviewed and approved as presented.

Discussion items:

- *Public Access and Trail Plan workshop*
 - Get approved, work getting done, trail funds applied for Cedar trail.
 - Define management area-
 - MtA2C vs. Mount A region
 - Mount A region includes Mount A “trail management area” and water district lands
 - Trail management area bordered by Mountain Road, Emery’s Bridge Road, Bennett Lot Road, Ogunquit Road, North Village Road, Clay Hill Road, plus proposed 2000’ west of Mountain Road to cover connector trail on State land.
 - MDIFW funding historically included support thru Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund. Worth looking into again?
 - Page 7 of draft update: added plans that effect Mt. A.
 - Updated Visitor Use Survey information and data
 - Trends: How things are improving, plus notes on what still needs to be addressed (misuse, opening of trails increased during covid).
 - GWRLT noted sub-committee with mountain bikers and addition of JB.

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- Search and Rescue info- from Gary
- Some complaints regarding user conflicts
- Trash still an issue; big dump sites all cleaned up, still have some items to discard from Big A ski area at the base.
- Trail assessments this summer
- Trail management protect vernal pools
- E-bikes addressed; identified by class/throttle
- MOU- need Town of York, South Berwick, and State
- Page 17- Access Points
 - Yellow 11 Norman Mill-Bennett Lot/gate
 - 13 + 14 West of Mountain Road/boulders
 - Blue 7 Notch trail access- land owner permission
 - 9 Old County Road (new house) limited 60"
 - 10 Boulderred
 - Blue 10 + 12 off Pave Street, maintain access for private landowners
 - Red 6 Old Mountain Road
 - 8 Great Marsh – Beals
- Trails
 - Level 1 trails- First Hill
 - Level 2 trails- Search & Rescue
 - Level 3 trails- 2nd & 3rd Hill
 - Level 4 trails- other trails
- Fires & camping noted- where to address car camping
- Parking- potential upgrades addressed in update. Coordinate with SoBo as needed.
- Signs- Guidelines
- Major trail projects- larger and long term
 - Rerouting Fisher trail
 - Signs w/"You are here" at intersections
 - Need funding for major projects
 - Major fill on State, GWRLT & YLT properties
- Cedar trail to Beaver outlook- universal access?
 - Would need to make wider, mixed use or separate lanes
- Culverts
 - Cedar, Wheel and Great Marsh Trails
- Multi use trail connection between Center for Wildlife and York Water District
- East of 3rd Hill trail- multiple ownership
- Vulture/Sweet fern/ Old black diamond- major reroute installing switchbacks
- Ring trail – water district \$ for project
- Vote to move forward with Plan include updated maps- Gary to ask Don/Todd for assistance at YWD
 - Motion to approve- Gary; seconded- Jill
 - Will work with State and YLT separately to review sections that apply/impact them

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- *Steering Committee appointments*
 - Moved to next meeting

Reports

Coordinator's report:

- Parking/Restroom Project Update- project out to bid; postponed due to electrical correction
- Ben's stewardship update- closed trails that had been reopened; concerns Seasonal crew started; David Tibbetts to volunteer some time for invasives and then assist with shrubland in the fall
- Naomi's outreach/education update- lodge opened; 10 school groups May/June; Plein Air -10 registered so far; 6 summer camps July/Aug

Gary:

- Day Without Water school event and school committee response great; make more regular event
- Hemlock borer- damage is done
- Madison- MCC gps work
- Building additions- finishing new room added

New Business

Meeting Adjournment

Next meeting date/time: Wednesday, June 08th, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m

Location: TBD