

Minutes of the Norwich Trails Committee for December 3, 2014

Present: George Clark, Jim Faughnan, Bob Fiskens, Peter Griggs, David Hubbard, Nick Krembs, Liz Russell

Formal signing has now been completed for the upcoming grant supporting additional work on the Gile Mountain Trail.

Two professional trail builders worked on the Gile Mountain Trail for two and a half days this fall. The Trails Committee greatly appreciates the grant from the Norwich Women's Club which supported that professional work. More stone will now be needed in that work area. The Trails Committee has major interest in promoting continued work to improve the Gile Mountain Trail.

David Hubbard will inquire with the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps about the potential for their help in future work on both the Ballard and Gile Mountain Trails.

Along the Ballard Trail, some bridge replacements are needed below the reservoir, and an entirely new bridge is needed along the trail just below Brown School Lane. Also work is needed in the vicinity of a relatively new and large washout along the lower part of the Ballard Trail. It was suggested that, preliminary to one of the initial trail work sessions in 2015, an evaluation be done of the work needed along the Ballard Trail.

After bridge repairs and other maintenance, the Cossingham Road Farm Trails are reported to be in fine condition for the winter season. At last check, Parcel 5 trails were also in fine condition.

A map of Hartland ski trails was shown. When expanded, the Hartland map is the same size as the current Norwich Trails map, but folds more compactly is reportedly more durable, and also reported to cost less to produce. Consideration should be given the possibility of equivalent changes in the Norwich trails map.

Respectfully submitted,
George Clark