

## Minutes of the Norwich Trails Committee for January 6, 2016

Present: George Clark, Eric Dole, Gered Dunne, Jim Faughnan, Bob Fisken, Peter Griggs, Byron Haynes, David Hubbard, Nick Krembs, Lee Michaelides (present for the latter part of the meeting), Cathy Redpath, Liz Russell, Brett Vuyovich

As a correction for the Trails Committee minutes for December 2, 2015, it was noted that the Selectboard was to discuss Illsley Road on December 9 and not to hold a "hearing".

Bob Fisken, Nick Krembs, and Brett Vuyovich reported to the committee on a variety of details concerning Illsley Road..

The committee took no action with respect to submission from the committee of a proposed Strategic Plan for Norwich trails. There was extended discussion of the potential roles and relationship of town government and private sectors in promoting town trails. Both make important contributions to the trail system. Interest was expressed in having an official document to guide town actions with respect to trails.

The committee is to invite Tim Tierney, Executive Director of Kingdom Trails, to speak with the committee this winter about the arrangements with which that organization has built an outstanding system of trails.

Plans to close the Gile Mountain Trail during the spring mud season were discussed. It is anticipated that at least three temporary signs will be needed along roads leading to that trail as well as listserve notifications. A special effort is to be directed to inform the Dartmouth College community of the closure.

Work is needed on at least three water crossings along the Ballard Trail. It is hoped that grant funding can be obtained to support a crew from the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps to work on those bridges during 2016.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Clark