

Minutes of the Norwich Trails Committee for January 3, 2018

Present: George Clark, Peter Griggs, Byron Haynes, David Hubbard, Nick Krembs, Sean Ogle, Gerry Plummer, Jonathan Smolin, Brie Swenson

A few weeks ago Doug Hardy cleared one fallen tree on the Bradley Hill Trail. A second fallen tree nearby is potentially of special value, and the town Tree Warden is being consulted before any clearing.

There were no reports of other presently blocked trails.

Nick Krembs on behalf of the committee is to contact Herb Durfee to recommend reopening the Gile Mountain Trail for several weeks this winter prior to a reclosure for mud season.

There was discussion of the roles of the Trails Committee and the Recreation Council with respect to building and maintaining trails. A goal should be cooperation without duplication of efforts. In the case of Huntley Meadow, the Recreation Council has primary responsibility for the popular children's bike trail.

The Trails Committee, through the efforts of the signage subcommittee, intends to produce a new trails map for the town, and this is to be completed before the end of April under the terms of the supporting grant. There is presently uncertainty about who will prepare the new map, but there are several possibilities.

Substantial volunteer help has recently been provided by Graham Webster, who used heavy machinery in constructing the new trail between Main Street and Blood Brook. The committee unanimously voted to give him a gift in appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Clark