

# Notes

## Trails Volunteers Discussion Notes

7 pm, July 3, 2024

Norwich Historical Society

### **Attendees**

Kit Burgin, George Clark, Jim Faughnan, Bob Fisker, Nick Krembs, Craig Layne, Sean Ogle

### **Approval of agenda**

No quorum, so discussion topics were approved, with #9 ("AT corridor cross-trails") added

### **Comments from those present**

There were none.

### **Updates from the Conservation Commission**

Emerald Ash Borer inventory is happening and can include trail-side ashes as needed. Trail workers should use extreme caution if working with standing ash.

### **Updates from the UVTA**

Description of wrap-up at Bradley Hill, which led to discussion of topic #6: DPW had a look at the drainage and the trail looks good, but the culvert under the trail and the drainage down the side of Ladeau are too small. A drainage ditch down Kerwin Hill should be considered and/or the culvert size should be increased. The Ladeau ditch should be bigger, drainage-clothed, and stoned. The Ladeau benching should be sloped more towards the ditch and stoned. DPW can provide the materials. Trails volunteers think that DPW should also help with the reshaping of the drainage on Ladeau because it is a class IV roadway. Residents along Ladeau have historically had, and still have, drainage concerns and would like to get more in-advance information about trail work plans.

### **Reports on recent trail blockages and actions taken or planned**

Jim and Bob have diligently been removing downed trees from trails.

### **Bradley Hill and Ladeau and the Avery Brook corridor**

Covered during updates from UVTA above.

### **Trail projects for 2024**

#### **Ballard Trail relocation**

Bob would like the area with the jog to have use of a bridge be considered.

**Gile Mountain fire tower treads**

Jim and Bob shared a lot of cool information about treads, bolts, wood, wood cuts, vertical grain, white oak, douglas fir, tower history, and buggies. Cody would have loved it. They hope to start work replacing treads after the July 4 weekend. Gerry will post about the work on the website and on the Listserv.

**Gile Mountain hemlock bridge Eagle Scout project**

The scouts finished the bridge and did excellent work. Thank you. The eagle scout candidate will be writing reflections about the bridge replacement.

**Website updates**

Gerry will do these.

**AT corridor cross-trails**

Everyone agreed Cody should continue with communications with the Forest Service thanking them and asking about next steps.