

Town of New Hartford - Multi Use Trails Committee  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, November 21, 2019  
First Floor Conference Room – Town Hall  
6:00PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm to discuss the following agenda item.

Members that were present included: First Selectman Dan Jerram, Bill Baxter, Jeff Peltier, Jim Brett and Greg O'Brien. Also in attendance was Kevin Grindle (Anchor), Val Ferro (Good Earth Advisors), Mike Lucas (NH Zoning Enforcement Officer) and Rista Malanca (NH Zoning Consultant).

Item 1. Report on November 15, 2019 site walk with town staff and Anchor design team.

With regard to Agenda Item 1. A general discussion of the site walk was conducted. It was discussed that the representatives gained a greater knowledge of the site, land ownership, and topography by physically inspecting the proposed location of the trail. It was recognized that there are some unforeseen challenges – including access to the tube ride parcel which creates a difficult bottleneck where cars enter and the trail was supposed to cross. Staff visited multiple properties on both sides of Route 44 between Callaghan Park and the Tube Ride.

Item 2. Update of Trail Routing Study.

With regard to Agenda Item 2. The design team presented a preliminary map to the group that included some alternate route suggestions. The consultants also reviewed a map of the Natural Diversity Database along the proposed route. The Trail Committee reviewed the map starting at Callaghan Park to the tube ride. A lengthy discussion followed on the specifics of the location and some changes were recommended. The design team indicated that they would continue to modify the map as the team continues to meet.

Item 3. Discussion of Public Presentation Topics and Dates.

With regard to Agenda Item 3. The Team and Committee mutually agreed that more work was needed before public presentations could begin. The group agreed that either December 12 or December 19 could be good dates to complete a similar review session on the eastern portion of the trail from the tube ride to the Canton Town Line through Nepaug Forest. If sufficient progress was made, we could start inviting different groups to meetings in January.

Item 3. Meeting Minutes.

With regard to Agenda Item 4. Jerram indicated that minutes would be available at the next meeting to review and approve.

A motion was made by Baxter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by O'Brien to adjourn the meeting at 7:57. All members voted in favor of the motion (unanimous).

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Jerram, First Selectman