

TOWN OF KENSINGTON  
TRAIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - Approved 4/30/20  
Virtual meeting via Zoom  
Tuesday March 31, 2020 – 7:00pm

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Joseph Hickey, Mason Holland, Chris Carr, Mike Gross, Alec Lager, Robert Chase, Timothy Estey, Carol Rogers, Jessica Benedetto  
**Absent:** None

At 7:00pm Joe Hickey called the meeting to order

**ADMINISTRATIVE TOPICS**

1. Committee reviewed and approved Draft Minutes from February 16, 2020 meeting
2. Committee approved landowner permission form for use of trails on private land
3. Committee voted to re-appoint Joe Hickey as committee chair

**DISCUSSION TOPICS**

1. Discussion of recent trail maintenance activities
  - a. Meetinghouse trails cleared by KTC volunteers in November
  - b. Hodges Preserve trails cleared by KTC volunteers in February
  - c. Hodges access point from Moulton Ridge Road impassable due to beaver activity. Town of Kensington in search of a licensed beaver trapper to remove these and other beavers causing flooding problems in town.
2. Discussion of KTC coordination with the Kensington Social Committee in support of Old Home Day. If Old Home Day does take place (COVID-19 conditions allowing), KTC to help coordinate a community trail walk.
3. Welcome to new Trail Committee Volunteers
4. Update from 3/30 Board of Selectmen meeting
  - a. Joe Hickey reappointed as Chair of Trail Committee
  - b. KTC granted authority to perform basic trail maintenance activities autonomously
  - c. Landowner permission slip approved by Board of Selectmen, requires final signature from BOS member
  - d. KTC granted permission to mark town trailheads, map trails in the Moulton Ridge Town Forest, and publicly share a draft trail map of Hodges Preserve
5. Public awareness
  - a. "Kensington Trail Report" developed and slated for publication in an upcoming issue of Kensington Community News
  - b. Information about the Trail Committee submitted for publication in Kensington's 2020 Annual Town Report
  - c. Private landowner outreach underway
  - d. KTC to coordinate with Southeast Land Trust (SELT) and Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) to raise awareness of

TOWN OF KENSINGTON  
TRAIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - Approved 4/30/20  
Virtual meeting via Zoom  
Tuesday March 31, 2020 – 7:00pm

efforts in Kensington and discuss sharing of trail-related resources and best practices

**NEXT STEPS**

1. In response to COVID-19 situation, develop and approve actionable short-term plan to enable Kensington residents to locate and utilize trails on town-owned land and on parcels where landowners have granted permission
2. Develop comprehensive list of trails in neighboring towns
3. Fix trail markings on Hodges blue trail
4. Continue private landowner outreach

At 8:17pm Joe Hickey motioned to adjourn. Robert Chase seconded.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alec Lager