

TOWN OF KENSINGTON  
TRAIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - Draft  
Virtual meeting via Zoom  
Thursday April 30, 2020 – 7:00pm

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Joseph Hickey, Mason Holland, Chris Carr, Mike Gross, Alec Lager, Robert Chase, Timothy Estey, Carol Rogers

**Absent:** Jessica Benedetto

**Zoom Host:** Sarah Wiggin

At 7:05 pm, Joe Hickey called the meeting to order.

**Old Business**

1. Committee approved Draft Minutes from March 31, 2020 meeting
2. Reviewed landowner permission form for use of trails on private land
3. Discussed flagging of trailheads on town-owned land and posting locations/pictures publicly

**DISCUSSION TOPICS**

1. A contact list for volunteers, landowners, and other interested parties has been created and saved on KTC Google Drive. Members should update with residents who have expressed interest to volunteer, assist, or have requested info. KTC to utilize for additional communication of upcoming minutes, activities, or ideas.
  - Discussed KTC hosting public events and trail walks once Covid-19 situation resolves
2. KTC discussed utilizing the town website to communicate activities and information. Carol Rogers to coordinate with Deputy Town Clerk, Sarah Wiggin.
3. Landowner liability information posted to KTC Google Drive - include links to NH RSAs and NH Fish and Game landowner information websites and documents. KTC can utilize it as a resource for private landowner outreach and coordination.
4. Moulton Ridge Town Forest (MRTF) Update (i.e., town-owned land off Rt 108)
  - Original 1998 trailhead sign created for Eagle Scout project has been restored and nearly ready to reinstall.
  - Private residents have re-blazed the Eagle Scout trails - KTC to evaluate to ensure “best practices” were followed and then modify as necessary. KTC will coordinate with Kensington Conservation Commission and SELT.
  - Question raised on KTC policy on hunting access - KTC clarified that it has no official position on hunting and defers to public land easements/restrictions and private landowner wishes. KTC will assist with posting land and communicating restrictions/permission as requested, but defers to KPD and NH F&G for enforcement.
  - Residents informed KTC of interest in placing a geocache on Town land. KTC sees no issue with placing geocache but declined to grant formal permission or denial of request.
5. Landowner Permission Report

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- KTC maintenance proposal to be created for landowner abutting Hodges that will address trail markings/signage, water/wet crossings, motorized vehicle restrictions, etc. Robert Chase, Mason Holland, and Michael Gross responsible for developing and delivering proposal.
  - Written approval from landowner for additional parcels near Hodges (different from above) via signed Landowner Permission Form. Robert Chase working with landowner to develop plan to restore existing trails.
  - Verbal approval for landowner abutting Meetinghouse property. Joe Hickey and Alec Lager to continue discussions to formalize KTC approval to restore trails.
6. Mapping Update
- Draft Hodges map posted to KTC and Kensington Connects Facebook pages. KTC to coordinate posting on town website. Joe Hickey to edit map to ensure trail colors correspond to blazes.
  - Efforts ongoing to create maps for Meetinghouse and MRTF. Basemaps and templates obtained from Hodges draft map. Carol Rodgers to lead efforts to create new maps.
7. Discussed establishing regularly scheduled trail work days. KTC to revisit once COVID-19 situation resolves. In the interim, trail work days to be scheduled as needed. KTC members and private residents agreed to perform trail work to remove several blowdowns at MRTF on Saturday May 2, 2020 10am.
8. KTC coordinating with KCC to obtain and post “No Hunting” signs on Hodges. Robert Chase and Carol Rogers to pursue.
9. Mason Holland to touch up existing blazes on Hodges using red, yellow, and blue Nelson Boundary paint that KCC used previously. Joe Hickey and Chris Carr to touch up existing blazes on Meetinghouse.
10. Michael Gross to coordinate task management for KTC activities and action items.
11. Timothy Estey to develop plan to make trailheads more visible and accessible.
12. Regular, monthly KTC meetings will occur on the 4th Thursday of each month. The next KTC digital meeting scheduled for May 29, 2020 at 7 pm. KTC to coordinate with Deputy Town Clerk Sarha Wiggin for Zoom link and distribute to public.
13. Joe Hickey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Robert Chase seconded.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joe Hickey