

TOWN OF KENSINGTON
TRAIL COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
Kensington Public Library
Thursday November 21, 2019 6:30 pm

Old Business

1. Review and approve Draft Minutes from the October 24, 2019 meeting

New Business

1. Report on action items from previous meeting:
 - a. Jurisdiction over town land
 - b. Property easement restrictions
 - c. Current condition of town-owned trails
 - d. Organization outreach
2. Report from Conservation Commission meeting
3. Mapping tools
4. Discussion of next steps: dates and deliverables
5. Schedule next meeting

Useful Sites, Apps, and Entities

Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire (SELT) - a local land conservation organization, currently headquartered in Exeter. SELT is a vibrant organization with a mission to protect land and connect people to place. In Kensington, SELT recently acquired conservation easements for multiple Bodwell Farm parcels on both sides of Stumpfield Road and parcels north of North Road owned by Elaine Kaczmarek and Jan Kaczmarek. www.selnh.org

SELT's Stewardship tool library

245 North River Road, Epping, NH 03042

603-862-2166

(open M-F 8a-5p, reserve 2 days in advance):

The Seacoast Stewardship Tool Library in Epping, NH, lends items (shovels, gloves, pruning saws, pry bars, etc.) used for trail maintenance, invasive weed pulling, habitat improvement, etc. by volunteers. We loan these without payment to conservation organizations and community groups in the area. The library is a partnership between the UNH Cooperative Extension and Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire. Some tools in the library have been donated by the Great Bay National Estuarine Research Research, with support from the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the Lamprey River Advisory Council.

<https://naturegroupie.org/resources/stewardship-tool-library>

<https://naturegroupie.org/story/stewardship-tool-library-breaks-barriers>

Reserve here: <https://stewardshiptoollibrary.myturn.com/library/>

NH Department of Natural & Cultural Resources (DNCR), Division of Parks & Recreation, Trails Bureau - Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a competitive grant program that offers funding for quality public trail projects throughout New Hampshire. Limited grants are available for motorized, non-motorized and diversified trails. Eligible projects include maintenance and restoration of existing trails, purchase and lease of trail construction and maintenance equipment, construction of new trails, development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages. Applicants may be non-profit organizations, private groups or government entities. Grants are available annually. Mandatory informational meeting in Concord in May. Applications due mid-June.

<https://www.nhstateparks.org/about-us/trails-bureau/grants/recreational-trails-program>

Avenza Maps - a mobile map app for iOS and Android that allows you to download maps (ex. Kensington Tax Parcel pdf) and uses your phone's GPS to show your location.

www.avenzamaps.com

Trailforks - crowd-sourced trail database with excellent mapping via web and mobile app for iOS and Android. Started as mountain-bike focused, expanded recently into multiple trail uses. Users can contribute data and then local trail associations have the control to approve & curate the data.

www.trailforks.com

