

Dover Trails subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
July 25, 2017

Present: Andy McLean, Mike Purcell, Benny McGinnis, Jamie Storrs, Justin Hongell, Steve Neratko.

Benny McGinnis – chair
Andy McLean – minute guy

1. Dover Trail Day Post Con
 - a. All agreed that the Trail Day was a big success. With limited publicity and this being the first public event of a new organization, we had 17 volunteers show up. And, we got an impressive amount of work done.
 - b. Ideas for the focus of the next Trail Day include the old dry-laid stone sugaring arch and interpretive signs for this and other historic sites in the Crosstown Trail network. Funding these efforts was briefly discussed with Steve Neratko, Dover's new Economic Development Director.
 - c. Jamie and Benny will look into getting a new map printed for the map kiosk at the corner of Crosstown Trail and Sherwood Forest Trail.
 - d. Next project – restore sugaring arch and reroute Friar Tuck Trail with a spur to the arch.
 - e. Andy and Mike will work on inventory of other historic sites. Maybe involve a metal detector and historic/archeologically minded folks in cleaning and uncovering these sites.
2. Trail Expansion
 - a. Connect Mount Snow to Valley Trail (Kingswood)
 - i. No update on Tannery Wildlife Refuge
 - ii. Andy shared the landowner permission form cobbled together from VAST and VMBA sources. It was determined that the 10-year minimum commitment from the land owner is important. Andy will contact Town attorney and have one form with this standard and another back-up form with a variable commitment created.
 - iii. No update on Kingswood (power lines) to paved Valley Trail
 - b. Ettlenger parcel
Mike spoke with broker waiting to hear back
 - c. USFS trailhead project
Still plugging along. When the Forest Service contacts Andy about other trail possibilities in this area as part of the Somerset Recreation Planning Project he will bring this to the group.
3. New name?

Those present like "DART" (Dover Area Recreational Trails) but, we'll wait for Kelly and Elia to vote on it. Important to get it done so we can create a social media presence.

4. Social Media
Benny is ready to go as soon as we have a name.
5. New business
 - a. Meet with Wilmington every Spring agreed a good idea.
 - b. Next Trail Day scheduled for August 19th details to be coordinated through email. Scope to be sugaring arch restoration and associated re-route as discussed under item 1. Benny will prepare details as he did last time (great job, Benny!)
6. Schedule next meeting – August 29th at 5 pm. Dover town office.