

Bi-town Trail Meeting
Wed, April 12th @ 6 p.m.
Dover Town Office meeting room, upstairs
MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: Roxanne Prescott, Elia Hamilton, Andy McLean, Mike Purcell, Randy Terk, Kelly Pawlak

Elia chaired the meeting
Kelly was scribe

1. Reviewed our main objectives and would like to create something that you can had to landowners, for instance, to share our vision.
 - a. Connecting trail (multi-use, non-motorized) from Dover to Wilmington.
 - b. Parking - in a central location
 - c. Core area of focus that has access for beginners and expert users alike
 - d. Visually marked trails – user friendly, with a consistent building process
 - e. Find a way to link all lodges and businesses together
 - f. Smooth and improved path – must be sustainable
2. Agreed our primary area of focus (main corridor)
 - Northern end (Snow lake)
 - Southern End (airport)
 - Western edge (Coldbrook Rd)
 - Eastern edge (Rt 100)
3. Trail expansion is a priority
 - a. Connect Mount Snow to the Valley Trail (Kingswood) with a wooded trail (follow river) and get hikers/bikers off the road as much as possible
 - i. Tannery Rd to Kingswood
 - ii. Spur off Kingswood (power lines) to connect to paved Valley trail.
 - iii. Discussion of mapping and how we can figure out landowners. Andy suggested the ANR natural resources atlas and sent us the link in an email: <http://anrmaps.vermont.gov/websites/anra/>
 - b. Suggested that we use USFS trail tread criteria for trail construction criteria (<https://directives.sc.egov.usda.gov/OpenNonWebContent.aspx?content=27584.wba>).
 - c. Continues to be a strong interest in the town buying the Eugene Ettlinger parcel (Little Flower) – would provide us with the terrain to make a Kingdom Trails type experience possible
 - d. Andy updated us on USFS trailhead project on Handle. Subsequently, Andy reached out to the USFS and asked them how long we have to decide about folding the trailhead project into the Somerset Integrated Resource Plan? He also asked if we can have our cake and eat it too,

meaning we start the project now at current scope and plan for mountain bikes and backcountry skiing as part of the Somerset Integrated Resource. Andy then went to the Dover Select Board meeting where the Board agreed to sign the letter supporting the integration of this project and the Somerset Integrated Resource.

4. Discussion of preferred group format.
 - a. 501c3 discussion: How should we raise money? 501c3 is deductible or if you fall under town it is deductible. A disadvantage to being under town is that some people may be apprehensive about giving money to the town. A pro is that there are economic development funds available.
 - b. Much learned at the Wilmington Trails Committee meeting and much discussion about becoming the Dover Trails Committee. All agreed that we should ask the Select Board to appoint us as an ad hoc committee, for the time being. There was also interest in continuing a relationship with Wilmington Trails Committee.
 - c. Subsequently, at the April 18 Dover Select Board meeting the board appointed Roxanne Prescott, Elia Hamilton, Andy McLean, Mike Purcell, Randy Terk and Kelly Pawlak to the Dover Trails subcommittee.
5. Next Meeting is Wed, May 31. All are encouraged to continue work and communicate progress through emails.

Note: The VCDAs spring meeting at Burke Mountain Hotel and Conf Center theme is: Blazing a Trail – the economic impact & future of Vermont’s trails and recreation paths. May 10th. Gretchen Havreluk is attending. It would be great if someone from our committee could attend. See Kelly if you need a registration form.