

EMTI minutes 11-18-Dave

- 1) A few more green arrows are needed in key spots.
- 2) A Parking area sign is needed so people know there is a trail aND praking there. Our standard metal sign with the pawprint.

Dodge to Center- per Tom Schmidt

- 1) A couple trees need to be cut on snowmobile portion. Rick indicated they will be handled by VAST.
- 2) The bridge surface is quite slippery. Geoff recommended best method is a wire brush to roughen surface. Every two years minimum. Other methods not ski friendly.
- 3) Gate was closed for hunting season, as is usual.

Sparrow Farm- per Geoff Beyer

- 1) Geoff noted he retires in July and may have more time to devote Sparrow.
- 2) Has ideas for switchback option for winter use to bypass steep sections. Believes this could be done without cutting hemlocks.
- 3) Also contemplating connection point possibilities to VAST network on other side of North Street through Sparrow fields. Was going to talk to Carl Etnier in this regard.
- 4) Geoff also connected with grooming efforts for proposed cross country network off Clark Trail.

Sparrow Farm North

- 1) Geof has interest in spearheading ongoing efforts/negotiations along with Becca Jordan
- 2) We noted Birnbaum easement does not have EMTI designated as trail manager as per other trails.
- 3) Lauren Padilla could be eventual trail steward. For now, she will be backup Steward for Sparrow main.

Clark Trail- per Charles, Nona and others

- 1) Discussion tied in to broader plan outlined by Dan Voisin for cross country ski network.
- 2) Concern that bikes may try to access this network.
- 3) Discussed the idea of placing signage ahead of trail cutting to establish allowed uses.
- 4) Desire to lay out the winter trails so not as evident in summer.

Haggett-Town Forest- per Rick and others

- 1) More trail signs needed in key spots in certain areas between field and Templeton. This was noted during Jennifer's GPS effort for trailhead signs.
- 2) Charles suggested there are some sensitive plant communities along this trail network could be protected by specific signage.

Mallory Brook- per Becca Jordan and others

- 1) Noted defunct sign-in box lying at side of trail.
- 2) A couple of trees down have been taken care of.
- 3) Discussed alternative options for crossing brook. Set official alternative or leave to user?? Easy in low water.
- 4) Right to Roam- not clear due to posted land. Is there a means to sign it to highlight this use? Cross out no trespassing portion of posted signs? Hunting "By Permission Only" rather than full posting. Need to discuss with Chris.
- 5) Rick inspected bridge recently. No sign of logs on Johnson Rd. side for second stringer. Greg Western relayed he had heard from Geof Fitzgerald that logs are in transit. Regardless Rick felt letter will be a necessity. Simona Surchin (sp?) from VLT plans inspection. Also may be mediation possibilities with VHCB.
- 6) Nona noted that Chris P. was enthusiastic about Bobolink connection on to his property so maybe this can be a clear separate issue from expectations around bridge?
- 7) Discussed putting PT posts or Large rocks in on Minister Rd to prevent unauthorized vehicle access causing erosion.

General-

- 1) Stewards should feel free to put up our trail signs where needed. No need to put excessively high. Some stewards took signs in this regard.
- 2) Good discussions led by Lauren and Becca regarding signage highlighting skiing sections of trail. Add to trailhead signs? Could we have "green, blue, black" designations? Might be difficult to define as trail managers but will keep discussions open. Becca also asked about rental possibilities given large stock of Morse equipment.