

Agenda 8-8-18

Treasurer report

Madeleine:

Made progress in finding precedence (GMClub and Cvt) for a limited term trail easement on private property. Insurance through LTA, (Land Trust Alliance ?)

Rick and Dave:

Status -Sparrow trail

* new bridge installed on outer sparrow farm trail. looking to install 1, 2 or 3 more new bridges out there this fall .

* tall grass mowed on outer sparrow farm trail, trail from County Rd to Esther's rock, behind Templeton Rd fire station and eastern end of Ormsbee trail.

* mamba did some drainage repair on 2 pitches of lower sparrow farm trail

* trail to chickering bog (a TNC trail - right?) is closed until 8/1/18 due to nesting goshawks

* status report pending from Chris Pratt re: Mallory Brook bridge effort

* I am holding several green & white trail directional signs so if anyone knows of a location needing a sign let me know and I'll give you a sign to install.

Carl Etnier agreed to let us use the p-t wood for the sills on the bridge repair

Black Locust: Mary

Should we pursue working with Carl on taking down some black locust trees and milling them for our future use. The trees would have to be felled by professionals as they are very tall and there are structures within felling range. Would it be worthwhile to invest in this project if we can end up with usable wood for construction in wetland areas-eg, on the Sparrow trail as well as on the Bobolink trail.

Rick suggested we offer to clean up the felled trees if Carl arranges and pays for the felling. This would be on the condition that the wood would then belong to us for use on the trails.

Josh, Dave and Jennifer:

new posts and signs are up on Clark, post for the dedication is up, and sign will go up when Jennifer gets back from vacation. Next trail to sign? Haggett to Templeton?

Josh:

Potential trail route on Bobolink farm is flagged. Late summer/early fall, Josh will continue to work with Bruce. Madeleine has done some research on a model for the renewable easement agreement.

Rick: Mallory Brook repair. email from Chris Pratt

The one support span on the bridge is complete and we have cut the next five logs for the second supporting span. I have two logs loaded on the trailer and ready to go down to the bridge. Our goal for July is to get the next span completed by the end of the month. As always looking for volunteers. Paul Bishop and I are doing most of the work right now and June was a month that saw very little progress due to our other obligations.