

**GMF TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**March 14, 2019- Mucky Duck Restaurant- 6 pm**  
**MINUTES**

1. **Meeting called To Order** at 6:04 PM by Chairman Rocco Blasi
2. **Attending:** Rocco Blasi, Dick Bratton, Rebecca Ochkie, Jan Smith, Richard Brown, Don Walker and Mike Lohman
3. **Agenda Approval-** M/S Lohman/Smith. Passed 6:0.
4. **Approve Minutes** of Jan 10, 2019- M/S Smith/Lohman. Passed 6:0.
5. **Public Input-** none. Items not on Agenda-
  - Bratton was contacted by a property owner who is concerned that Angels Trail is encroaching on her property. Although this is a social trail and not under the TC jurisdiction, Blasi offered to meet with the property owner in the spring to assess any trespass or incursion onto her property.
6. **Progress Reports-** since last meeting:
  - Blasi and Bratton are coordinating with Jesse Stroope to provide guides for 2 Green Box hikes on July 4th. Blasi recommended an advanced walk through the Wallace Reserve to showcase the trails and another hike TBD. Ochkie recommended the other hike to be Dewey/Bratton to Catamount and down to GMF. Each of the 2 hikes requires 3 Trails volunteers for safety if possible. Stroope relayed to Blasi there would also be an Art Walk through town not requiring TC presence.
  - Walker provided Cmte application form to Blasi. Blasi submitted to town clerk for BoT approval.
  - Walker has made improvements to Mt Dewey trail including widening and shoring up areas and adding switchbacks. He is also recruiting volunteers for trail work days.
  - Blasi has provided the TC with business cards containing the GMF TC website, trails work days this year, and a sign up address in an effort to recruit TC volunteers.
7. **Mt. Dewey Bench** – TBD.
8. **TC Website and Maps**
  - Lohman stated:
    - that with more lead time to the map printer the TC could save 30% off 2k copies. Bratton said it was authorized.
    - a launch point on the the town Facebook site could list trail work dates
    - The TC could use a GMFTC Facebook page to increase volunteers and Lohman volunteered to work as moderator of the page. Blasi stated a backup moderator was needed as well and volunteered himself with his sons oversight. Bratton/ Brown M/S 5:0 passed
    - An April 1 deadline for comments to him on improving map contour lines
  - Bratton would like bigger symbols for parking on maps and less detail on points of interest
  - Blasi will provide Lohman with trails descriptions for the website

**9. Education- Trails Watch Program/ Trail User Ethics**

- Blasi will e-mail committee with a new section for the front of maps on trail user ethics

**10. TO DO LIST:**

- **Tools Inventory-** Blasi /Brown- Walker volunteered to sharpen tools
- **Signs and markers-**
  - Lohman suggests QR codes for for signposts on trails and at THs
  - Walker has noted lost hikers while working on trails and recommends destination signs with approximate distances like to the Garden of Eden, the Falls, the reservoirs, and loops
- Advertise work day schedule – website, laminated signs at trailheads, email, social media and business cards
- Assign Trails for inspection reports due by end of April: Kirkpatrick/ Wallace-Eley and Smith, Dewey- Walker, Crystal- Brown, Catamount- Blasi, Thomas-Ochkie
- Discuss 2019 trails projects/priorities- deferred until inspection reports are in
- Discuss future trails list for update and inclusion in GMF Comp Plan- Bratton working on list and will email list to committee

**11.Other-** Due to the co-operation of the our new town clerk the agenda and minutes are now posted in the post office for public purview

**12. NEXT MEETING-** May 9, 2019 at Mucky Duck 6 pm. The will not be a meeting in April.

**13. ADJOURNMENT** at 8:04 by Blasi/Brown 6:0

**ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**



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**Chairman Rocco Blasi**



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**Recording Secretary R. Ochkie**