

GMF TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 9, 2020- Zoom- 6 pm

MINUTES

1. **Meeting called To Order** at 6:08 PM by Chairman Rocco Blasi
2. **Attending:** Rocco Blasi, Dick Bratton (via phone call), Rebecca Ochkie, Jan Smith, Claudia Eley, Don Walker, Rob Schillinger, GMF citizen Kathleen Morrow
3. **Agenda Approval-** M/S Eley/Smith. Passed 7:0
4. **Approve Minutes** of March 12, 2020– M/S Smith/Eley. Passed 7:0.
5. **Public Input** – Morrow had questions regarding Pittman Trail work dates and the connection between Catamount and Horseshoe trails. **Items not on agenda-** Blasi noted that the CO AMENDED PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER 20-24 IMPLEMENTING THE STAY AT HOME REQUIREMENTS considers Hiking a necessary activity as long as social distancing requirements are met (paragraph III. A.3.)
6. **Progress Reports-** since last meeting
 - Bratton and Blasi coordinated MHYC request with J Stroope and HGMFF to move Pittman Trail construction dates to July 27th thru Aug 13th. These dates remain fluid with the current Covid-19 restrictions
 - Brown and Blasi did vigilante work on Bratton Trail, far northwest corner (maintained 6' social distance): "groomed" loose decomposed granite that sloughed onto trail from unstable upslope. Blasi will provide tools for vigilante work with the provisos that no more than two workers go out together and they agree to follow all physical distancing and Covid-19 prevention requirements
 - Blasi posted laminated work date ads at the following trailhead boards: Main (by Gazebo Lake), Mt Dewey, Wallace Reserve.
 - Blasi presented Trails Update at April 7th BoT meeting which was well received. Schilling and Watling approved as full voting members. There will be a BoT liaison who will possibly attend TC meetings and attend workdays.
 - GMF Mayor asked TC to discuss impact of public trail usage since Town sanitary facilities are not available. TC response: lack of public sanitary facilities is a bigger issue than just for trails users. Town should consider publicizing no public toilets on Town website. All members agreed we have seen no effects on the trails to date and will continue to monitor and provide feedback.
 - One Trustee mentioned an option to limit public parking to limit hiker usage. TC disagrees with this proposal for the following reasons: any restrictions are only as effective as enforcement; potential impact to Town businesses; parking is used by many users including church, park, businesses, Sallie Bush, pool; finally - perception, the Town should not discourage visitors by limiting or charging a fee for parking.
7. **TC Website and Maps-** TBD
8. **Education- Trails Watch- Leave No Trace-** TBD
9. **To Do List:**
 - Discuss 2020 Work Dates: May 17 (Sun), June 20 (Sat), July 19 (Sun), Aug 15 (Sat), Sept 20 (Sun), Oct 3 (Sat) and advertise when decided. During this pandemic we may need to cancel all or part of the work year. We will decide at the May 14 meeting whether to have a May 17 work day.
 - Check general route of Illinois St right-of-way proposal & conduct clinometer training
 - Layout and build Pittman Trail
 - Coordinate memorial for Tom McCormick pending Lohman's bench options.
 - Investigate (blue tape?) route from Catamount Trail over to Horseshoe Trail

- Build and install trail signs at Bratton/Catamount intersection and Mt. Dewey Summit. The town will provide universal posts once the ground thaws.
- Design and install Catamount trailhead board
- Conduct trails inspections for Catamount (Schillinger), Crystal (pending), Thomas (Ochkie/Morrow), Kirkpatrick (Eley), Wallace Reserve (Smith) and Mt. Dewey (Walker).

10. Other-

- Blasi sending a shout-out to local businesses like the Mucky Duck and The Pantry requesting anyone who is willing and able to support them with take-out business during this pandemic as they have supported the TC over the years.

11. NEXT MEETING- May 14, 2020 via Zoom at 6 pm

12. ADJOURNMENT at 7 pm.

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Chairman Rocco Blasi



Secretary Rebecca Ochkie