

Leverett Trails Committee

7:30 p.m. November 18, 2019 Town Hall, 9 Montague Rd, Leverett, MA 01054

Members Present: Rocky Adriaance, Laurie Brown, Miho Connolly, Neal Erickson, David Powicki, Bob Weller, Martin Wobst

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STATUS OF TRAILS				
Cave Hill	Work day complete! We had 7 volunteers over 1.5 hours to install 2 bog bridges. We have stashed material on-site (two 16' boards, one 6x6) in case the area is wetter in the spring. Tree down ~300' from Cave Hill Rd entrance (Neal removed the other two)	Two bog bridges in area still need shingles (N part of Town farm loop V; bridge to blue trail)	Rocky to replace mailbox Miho to contact sawyers	
Dan Glazier	Miho could not find documentation that RGT has a defined Right-of-Way through the powerline property to get to the trail.	We will ask the Conservation Commission to inquire about ensuring access for hikers and removing prohibitive signage from the ROW the next time that Eversource comes before the commission	David & Miho	
Rattlesnake Hill	Bob found a design for a handsome bench constructed of 2x4s. Hank Berry is glad to have the bench replaced.		Future work day	
Rattlesnake Gutter	Tree down?			
Bill Rivers	<i>Old news: Bench needs replacing</i>			
Long Hill	<i>Old news: Poetry box needs replacing.</i> Some downed trees across trail.		Brooke has offered to remove fallen trees.	
Friendship Trail	Some downed tress across trail.	We plan to install bog bridges by the Cider Mill Rd entrance.	Brooke has offered to remove fallen trees. Future work day to install bog bridges	
Ed Field Trail	Some downed trees across trail.		Miho to ask Fields about removing downed trees.	
4H Forest	Laurie cleared downed trees; trails otherwise looked good.	Bog bridges on lower trail need shingles.	Rocky to drop off shingles at 4-H parking lot. Neal to work on installing shingles and/or coordinating volunteers at GK work day.	Laurie and Dave may have shingles they can donate.

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Gordon King	Rocky has mowed the south field. Linda Enerson (Ox & Robin heirloom seeds) will be using an acre of the property to organic vegetable seed production beginning November. Neal reports a bog bridge collapsing into the creek. Dave reports that the bench in the southern field needs new decking.	If we want to keep the trail around the pond open-- next season, David will mow a path to the trail, and Neal will bat down the glossy buckthorn periodically. We'll plan to burn the brush pile in late winter/spring.	David to replace decking on the southern bench. WORK DAY 11/23 to clean up blueberry bushes & install shingles at 4-H forest. Miho & Rocky to contact Joe Sincuk for pointers.	Rocky - tarp to lay over brush?
Teawaddle Hill Farm	<i>There is a significant wet spot along the pink trail. The blue trail markers are unclear at the south end.</i>	The landowners plan to log their property over the winter. We will not pursue any infrastructure at the wet spot until after this is complete. Laurie reports that a trail essentially exists along the stone wall along the north boundary of the property.	<i>Miho & others to scout for alternative trail along THF boundary.</i> Miho to look into better trail marking	
East Leverett Meadow	Rocky has completed mowing.	Future work day (early spring) - pull invasives from ELM borders. Also, trim back vegetation that is growing in the trails around the power line.		
OTHER BUSINESS				
Shutesbury Rd to LES proposed trail	Martin has initiated interest in creating a trail from Shutesbury Rd to the Elementary School.	It may be easier to begin by creating a trail from Shutesbury Rd to the LCA. Perhaps we could partner with the Historical Commission.	Martin to take the lead on coordinating with landowners	
Mosher shelter	The former AMC hut in the RGT-owned Mosher property is in disrepair, and collecting trash. Perhaps a work party could be arranged to rehabilitate and clean up around the shelter	If we enlist the LTC to do a work day, we should publish the shelter location and trail on a map so that it is known to the public.	Rocky will bring this up at the next Rattlesnake Gutter Trust board meeting to ask about this proposition.	

DATES

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WORK DAYS	Weeding & Lopping at Gordon King Property	<p>We will finish cleaning up the blueberry bushes at the Gordon King property. We'll be cutting and/or pulling glossy buckthorn, multiflora rose, blackberries, and other non-blueberry plants from in-between the bushes.</p> <p>We'll also need a couple of people to install shingles on the bog bridges at the 4-H forest while we are there.</p>	Saturday, 11/23 from 9:00AM - 12:00PM	
NEXT MEETING:	7:30p.m. January 27, 2020	We usually meet on the third Monday of the month, but 1/20 is MLK day. We will skip a December meeting.		