

Glover Trails Minutes  
August 8, 2022



Present: Peggy Day Gibson, Michelle Dominijanni, Anne Benning, Ted Young, Adam Heuslein, Hannah Brown, Sue Gibeault, & Noel Ford.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Chair Peggy Day Gibson.

The minutes of June 13<sup>th</sup> and July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, were approved as presented.

Peggy verbally summarized recent communications with Richard Carbonetti. To refresh your memories, in September of 2013, the Vermont Land Trust [VLT] closed on a working forest conservation easement for 1,700 acres of prime forest in Glover and Greensboro. The Greensboro portion comprised the 189-acre parcel once owned by author Wallace Stegner. The 1,500+/- acres in Glover contain the Black Hills. The landowner, forester Rich Carbonetti [Carbo], conducted a "bargain sale," meaning that he donated a portion of the easement value to VLT. The bulk of the cost was covered by a Freeman Foundation Grant to VLT. The Greensboro Selectboard voted \$5,000 from the Greensboro Conservation Fund, while John and Francie Downing's Stony Point Foundation and the GLT each contributed \$10,000. The GLT's portion consisted of donations from 45 members. At this time, Mr. Carbonetti plans on joining the Glover Trails Committee on Monday, September 12 at 7:00 pm [Glover Town Hall].

Contiguous connections with surrounding towns [Barton, Sheffield, Greensboro, Albany] as identified by various maps were presented and highlighted by Peggy. Lots of future possibilities.

Cabot Landowner Agreement Model as modified was reviewed one more time [ "...specific route of trails will be specified by the landowner." ]. Peggy asked that we seek reactions from various members and owners.

**ARPA Clarification:** Peggy will ask for clarification on the upcoming grant process. For example, is it permissible to link trail work with a possible mountain bike path at Glover Park?

Peggy **adjourned** the meeting at 8:50 pm. Special thanks to Jim and Celia Latham for allowing us to meet on the Currier Plaza.

**GT Trek Jim Currier August 27 and/or 28.** After our meeting on Monday evening, Jim Currier was asked to schedule another "trek" in the Black Hills prior to hunting season [September 1st]. The **Mud Pond Trek** is on the agenda for Saturday, August 27 with an inclement weather day scheduled for Sunday, August 28. Meeting of trekkers is scheduled for 9:00 am at Shadow Lake Public Beach Parking Lot and we will car/truck to the Black Hills. Jim says this "trail is wet in sections, so be prepared." We will look for, find and be able to explain the "Black Hills Divide."

**Tasks To Be Completed:**

Should Glover have an ordinance to classify discontinued roads as trails?[+/-]. What are the restrictions applied to a legal trail?

Complete the trail building and maintenance section of the Skunk Hollow / Hinman Road

as demonstrated and led by Dusty May of the Northwoods Stewardship Center on July 19, 2022, to the Greensboro Town Line. Review work completed on 7/19 by Richard Carbonetti.

Complete Trail Map Boxes.

Liability Insurance possibilities and limitations?

Relationship between VAST & GT?

Design Still Hill Loop Trail [Glover Community School, Village Green [Heart of Glover], Barton River, Still Hill Farmstead].