

**Approved Minutes of the OS&R Committee Meeting
Monday, March 10, 2014, at 7:30 PM
Rockport Public Library**

Members in attendance: Matt Cegelis (MC), Lawrence Neal (LN), Ted Tarr (TT), Peter Van Demark (PV), Stephanie Cunningham (SC),

Guest in attendance: Nick Holland Cape Ann Trails

7:30PM Meeting called to order

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by LN and seconded by PV to approve the Feb 10, 2014 meeting minutes as amended. The motion passed on a 5/0 vote.

Open Discussion:

TT asked discussed possible help with Phragmites removal in Rockport from Great Marsh organization. They have not responded yet.

Land Protection Activities:

No activity discussed

OSR Plan Review:

SC has completed work on Sections 4 and forwarded it to PV.

GIS and Trail Mapping:

PV presented work that has been done. He described the three layers of data available, which is referred to as "Jeff Amero's", "Mark Carlotto's" and "Peter's". The data was collected in somewhat similar ways, which is a combination of someone traveling trails with a GPS recorder and analysis of fly over images and mapping. Difference in the mapping scale used has some affect on the differing results for each layer. Peter demonstrated how the layers can be combined to find the consistencies as well as the places that vary. He also showed how this can all be overlaid with town parcel data to identify the likely locations where trails maybe blocked.

Nick Holland discussed how his data was collected. He used MAPC trails <http://trailmap.mapc.org/> as a starting point and supplemented it with GIS data from users. These users included trail bikers, a group we have not worked with.

General agreement on next steps would start with a trail map review of people with local trail knowledge. They would highlight gaps or areas of question. Nick highly recommends this be done with small select group to keep focused and useful. That work would be followed by field verifications of what is accurate.

We will attend the ROW committee at their next meeting, which is on the evening of March 24, 2014 at town hall. PV has offered to present his information to them. This is scheduled to be the first item on their agenda at 7:00PM.

We discussed what this group thinks would be important actions to be done with the combined committees:

1. For ROW and OSRC any GPS trail data collected should still go to Peter
2. Very focused- SMALL GROUP-local knowledge meeting held to review current maps
3. Field verify trail info as needed
4. Critical to get to the point of using the data to identify the most likely points of trails being blocked and a plan so that does not happen.

Future Meeting Dates and Topics:

14 April: Establish schedule on updating action list and properties of high interest. Plan a meeting on the Rockport Trail data that is available.

12 May 2014 meeting:

Motion to Adjourn:

9:00PM LN motioned to adjourn, MC seconded. Vote passed 5/0.

These minutes prepared by LN