

RECREATIONAL TRAILS COMMITTEE

In the latter part of 2014 the Selectmen voted to create a trails committee that would be responsible for promoting the use of and the development of trails in Marshfield. The first introductory meeting was held in October, 2014. Since then, the committee has met at least once a month. There are seven voting members and two advisory members. The advisory members are the Town Planner (Greg Guimond) and the Conservation Agent (Michael Seele). The other members of the committee are Brendan Coyne, Ned Bangs, Scott DeCastro, Keith Rice, and Chris Shugrue.

Our Mission Statement and Goals are listed below:

RECREATION TRAILS COMMITTEE

Established October, 2014

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide quality year round outdoor recreational opportunities for the residents of the town of Marshfield.

GOALS

- Promote accessibility and use of recreation trails for the residents of Marshfield.
- Prepare a comprehensive trail map of Marshfield showing all public access recreation trails including town owned as well as other organizations.
- Develop a current “state of trails” information system in Marshfield ,more specifically town controlled land (number and location, have trails been established, have trails been mapped, etc).
- Develop a trail description guide for users to include maps, difficulty of trail, distance, environmental factors, accessibility factors, parking, signage and kiosks.
- Develop a public “on line” resource of trail information for use including the ability to download.
- Develop a program for trail monitoring and trail maintenance.
- Develop a “community” of Marshfield groups to support the monitoring and upkeep of our trails.

- Develop multi-use trails to include bicycles, pedestrians as well as other uses where deemed appropriate.
- Work with other south shore towns to encourage cooperation in promoting a contiguous trail system
- Work cooperatively with other town departments and organizations to ensure that the committee can meet its goals.
- Seek appropriate funding and resources necessary to accomplish these goals.
- Develop a community outreach program which would solicit input and encourage support for the Recreational Trails Program.

We are looking for local organizations and individuals to partner with us as we develop trail guide information and help map and maintain trails. A few of our major goals include establishing a multi use trail that will connect Marshfield with Scituate and developing a current “state of trails” in the town. Members have, among other things, been mapping some of the current property in town, meeting with organizations that also promote the use of hiking trails, attending symposiums on trail development and maintenance, reviewing and looking to model some of our end products against other town’s web sites and documents, etc. We have also been meeting with other town organizations.

We want the citizens of Marshfield to be able to access the town main web site and then be able to link to “Recreational Trails” for town trail descriptions, trailhead locations, parking availability and downloadable maps. We plan on leading tours of our various town trails as one of many methods for promoting their use.

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