

SUNCOOK VALLEY TRAILS

Visioning Session

6:00 PM

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Epsom Public Library, 1606 Dover Road, Epsom

AGENDA

3. Information Sharing Discussions

- ✦ How do you use the trails?
- ✦ What is missing from your trail experiences?
- ✦ Ideas for area-wide trails connections?

Transcription of Attendee Comments from Easel Pad

- **Epsom Black Hall Road**- Motorized summer uses may not be appropriate.
- Concern on behalf of landowners about summer access to the permitted, winter mapped snowmobiles trails.
- **Pembroke**- Seasonal roads (spring, Class VI) closed to preserve roads. Some Class VI road landowners have private maintenance concerns.
- **Epsom Black Hall Road** – Town had to obtain permission from NH Division of Natural and Cultural Resources Forest and Land Management for Bear Brook Toll Booth.
- Multi-use trails- summer use landowners are hesitant to allow.
- What is multi-use? Trail User Groups need to talk to Snowmobile Clubs first.
- Sometimes users go off-trail. Must respect the landowners who open trails to the public.
- **Chichester**- Wanted to link many features with existing trails, began to obtain landowner permission for walking on 1 segment. ATVs misused those trails, now closed by landowners.
- **Pittsfield Tilton Hill Road Railbed**- Most landowners on board, but contacts lost. Had been Town owned land, 1 is private land now.
- **Pittsfield**- Creative trail protection possible.

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- Recreational Trails Program- No motorized grant money; Motorbikes run on batteries, not gas, and are not considered motorized (referenced Chris Gamache as source).
- **NH Trail Dawgs**- Bridge application for RPT this year, summer non-motorized use for trails is ok.
- Landowner incentives must be provided (such as trails grants).
- Trails Bureau resource is available for property deed writing (snowmobiles).
- ATVs are greatest snowmobile problem, a 10 on a 1-10 scale. Must have permission from owners. Trail signage is often removed. All motorized roads/trails closed by default unless permission granted.
- OHRV enforcement is very difficult.
- Winter/summer trails need appropriate usage for different trail users. Landowner permission for use is necessary and respectful. Snowmobile Clubs need to have long term commitments with landowners, spend money for them/on their land.
- More \$ resources and people resources are needed for rail trails.
- **Pembroke/Allenstown/Hooksett**- Old railbed could become Rail Trail with bridges-possibilities.
- Northern Rail Road upkept (state-owned).
- UNH Trails Mapping via drones – who?
- Sometimes mountain bike damage occurs on trails but not horse damage.

