

TOWN OF BEDFORD PULPIT ROCK SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
May 14, 2019

A meeting of the Pulpit Rock Subcommittee was held on May 14, 2019 in the Richmond Room at the Bedford Public Library, 3 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, NH. Present were Richard Moore, Chairman, Beth Evarts, Doug Pryce, Brian Nolan, Bill Coder and Karin Elmer, Planner 1. (Eric Soederberg arrived at 7:45)

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm.

Fire Department:

Ben Selleck of the Bedford Fire Department presented updates on statistics for the Pulpit Rock Conservation Area. There are typically 6-8 carryout's per year performed by the Fire Department. There have already been two this year. There is no one specific area. Historically, emergency calls have been for either heart attacks or lower leg injuries. They use a litter with a wheel for most carryouts. There are currently eight takeout areas for Pulpit:

- 5 Fellows Farm Rd.
- 32 Indian Rock Rd.
- 84 Pulpit Rd.
- 29 Esther Dr.
- 590 New Boston Rd.
- 108 Horace Greely Rd.
- 174 Joppa Hill Rd.
- 190 Joppa Hill Rd.

Evarts stated the trails at Pulpit Rock have been located with GPS and are ready for uploading to the Trail Finder website.

Selleck stated that this fall the Fire Department would be conducting search & rescue training at the Pulpit Cock Conservation Area. They would really like to have some trail markers installed, similar to mile markers so when people call in an emergency we can better pinpoint their location.

Discussion continued on what type of marker would be best.

Selleck also stated that the Fire Department is also available to help with bridgework. If a bridge is moved due to high water, the Fire Department can use its air bags to lift the bridge back into place.

The Subcommittee will work on trail markers and let the Fire department know when the work is complete.

Bridge at Gages Mill:

The committee viewed maps and locations of existing bridges and proposed new bridges along with rerouting portions of different trails as they intersect near the mill site.

(Eric Soederberg arrived at 7:45pm)

Motion by Nolan to replace the existing bridge and create a nice loop trail. Second by Pryce. All in Favor. Motion passed.

Rules of Procedure:

The Committee discussed the existing Rules of Procedure. It was felt that they have become too formal with too many meetings required. Evarts and Elmer will review the rules and provide a revised draft of rules for the next meeting.

Other Business:

The committee discussed the Forest Stewardship Plan RFP for Pulpit Rock. Evarts informed the committee that they only received one response to the RFP and have tabled the discussion with the Conservation Commission. Evarts will re-examine the plan and report at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20. All in favor

*Respectfully submitted,
Karin Elmer, Planner 1*