

Greenland Conservation Commission - September 9, 2017 Site Walk

1. PARTICIPATING:

Laura Byergo

Chip Hussey

Bill Bilodeau

Sarah Rowe

Rick Mauer

2. NOTES:

Purpose: To check the trail for any issues and to determine where to move those parts of the trail that were cut onto private property and flag that new routing so the trail can be moved this fall/winter.

We met at the Liberty Lane parking lot at 8:00 to walk the trail. Both Chip and Sarah had smart phones and took pictures as needed along the trail.

We started flagging the right hand side of a new trail at the first intersection where the trail had previously crossed onto private property near Coastal Way. With Chip and Rick leading we flagged the new trail near a vernal pool and near an old stone cut.

At the far end of the Coastal Way hammerhead we cut back to join the previously laid trail. While we were checking the property markers Brad Krick and Sean Conway, the property owners came out to talk with us.

We identified ourselves as the Greenland Conservation Commission. Laura and Chip spoke with Brad and Sean. They wanted to know when they would see progress on the trail. They said the current system of marking the end of the trail with private property tape was not working and people were still trespassing on their property. We said we were in the process of flagging the new trail and asked for their agreement on where we were considering cutting back near, but off, their property to join the newly flagged trail (thus making a loop). We agreed on a point that would be clearly outside their property.

We also reconfirmed to them that we would be putting up a fence across the trail where it intersected their property. Until that can be accomplished we would put up a temporary block that was stronger than tape. By the end of the day a new sign was installed at the head of the trail on Liberty Lane stating that the trail is still under construction and to respect chains and other private property indicators. Additionally, two chains with "trail ends" signs were put up where the previously cut trail intersects possible private property. Brad and Sean were notified that the sign and chains had been installed.

Brad and Sean also indicated to Chip that the gravel laid down with new road work on Coastal Way was creating problems for cars.

After leaving Brad and Sean we returned to where we had joined our new trail to the previous trail. We then walked through a section of the woods (that will not be flagged) to go around the previous trail up to the ridge line at the back of Cushman Way because some of the new property markers installed by the surveyor have not been located.

We flagged an additional short section of new trail to cut around part of the old trail that is not clearly marked. However, we were not able to complete this last part of the trail to join up with the ridge line.

3. NEXT STEPS:

A. Need to positively identify the final property markers – even if we have to get the surveyor to come out again.

B. Once the markers are clearly identified, the CC needs to set a new site walk date to complete flagging of the new trail

C. We need to fix a date to cut the new trail. The CC, and others if identified, will help clear the flagged section of the trail with Chip working to dig the trail.

E. Laura will post on the CC page and the town Facebook page a notice asking people who would like to help with trail work to contact her.