

SELECTBOARD REPORT
HINESBURG TRAILS COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 2013

For the last three years. The Trails Committee's first priority has been to complete kiosks and trail blazing on the Town Forest, LaPlatte Headwaters, the Russell memorial trails and Geprags. This priority has been slowed down by the need to clear recent storm damage s well as finances . The weather has been more friendly this year coupled with Ray Mainer's pro bono offer to construct kiosks at five locations. Russell and Hayden Hill West have been built and will soon contain up to date trail and more. LaPlatte is almost completed.

Up to date trail maps are available on the town website.

With the help of VT Land Trust and Hinesburg Land Trust the Committee was able to acquire for the Town an easement on the Parker property on Pond Brook Road.

Two future projects are moving at their own pace: Connecting the northern and southern extremities of LaPlatte and The Quick Lube Jolley station through NRG to CVU.

Trails has long hoped to cooperate with our two Hinesburg schools. Susan Rustin conducted a treasure hunt last May in the Russell trails. Twenty humans and four dogs combed the woods and fields and then celebrated by Papa Nick's. : Susan attempted two further attempts last summer with poor weather and much less interest. A family oriented tour of The Town Forest was scheduled for a perfect fall afternoon when the leaves were at peak beauty. Twenty one people and only one dog attended.

Trails attempts to stay abreast of the DRB and zoning staff.

Earlier in 2013, Trails welcomed Ray Mainer and Susan Rustin . They replaced three faithful stalwarts: Jason Reed, Greg Leroy and Cathy Ryan who is being replaced by George Dameron.

Trails continues to celebrate the many ways that our Town staff help us. Their friendly cooperation adds immeasurably to our work.

Respectfully

Stewart Pierson:

Lenore Budd (VP) Michelle Fischer George Dameron Jim Goldsmith (treasurer) Ray Mainer Susan Rustin, Jane Sheldon, Peter Van Vranken.

