

Pownal Conservation Commission
November 11, 2012

Attendees: Sherry Dietrich, Matt Welch, Derek Lovitch, Ruth Hannan and Greg Merrill of the snowmobile club.

As discussed in October, the committee met outdoors, at the Hallson subdivision road. We walked into the adjoining property, to review the proposed change to the snowmobile trail.

We quickly came to the spot described by Derek, in his email dated November 5th (see attached). The group, including Greg, agreed that the snowmobile trail could easily go around the two trees that Derek mentioned.

Other natural features included honeysuckle and a dam abutment. There were remains of a bridge that had spanned the river. Some of the honeysuckle bushes near that area were large and very established plants.

The snowmobile club would like the trail to be 10-feet wide. A question was raised about removing dead trees (aka "snags"). The consensus was no, that there is benefits to leaving the snags, such as use by wildlife.

We noticed the some of the trash that Derek described in his email and agreed that we would like to explore ways to get this cleaned up.

With that walk-thru of the property, a motion was made to accept the trail as proposed by Derek's report. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Hannan