

**Town of Dover Trails & Recreation Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes via Zoom**  
**Tuesday June 14, 2022**

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Members present via Zoom: Matt Nicklis, Kristin Mumford, Patricia Sweeney, David Yeagle, Tom Oakley, Sarah Shippee

Also present via Zoom: Shannon Wheeler, Mike Garber, Marc Schaubert, Eric Durocher

**A recording of this meeting can be found here:** <https://youtu.be/8Bujh-xeiXM>

**Moderator Eric Durocher called meeting to order at 6:33 PM.**

- I. Public comments: *None*
- II. Additions or changes to the agenda: *None*
- III. New Committee Member Appointed: David Yeagle, Mount Snow
  - a. Official welcome to David.
- IV. Approve minutes from April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting:
  - a. Motion by Sarah, seconded by Matt– motion passes unanimously.
- V. Proxy Member Voting for Organization Members:
  - a. Changes to Committee charge remove lines about officers and addition for language to accommodate proxy member voters for a meeting for organization members. A discussion about what works best for organization members – a proxy for an individual meeting or a standing alternate member vote occurred.
  - b. Conclusion that organization member can send an alternate to meetings as needed. Will bring to inform Selectboard but believe their approval is not needed.
- VI. Updates on previously discussed topics:
  - a. Pickleball/Recreation Area:
    - i. Trip working on detailed budget and comprehensive workplan for the items he shared at April meeting. Initial process documents submitted. Requested Eric share his sketch with the group [attached]
    - ii. Discussion on parking spaces available to this location.

[Tom Oakley dropped off meeting before next item]

  - b. Trail Counters:
    - i. These will be installed shortly at Town Forest, Horace Hill, Valley Trail bridge and one floating as needed.
  - c. Dover Town Forest Name Change Implementation:
    - i. Highway Department found a large boulder to use for the entrance plaque. Family/others working on plaque info.
  - d. DVSJ Trail Repairs Proposal:
    - i. Mike Garber: trail integrity work will not start until mid-September/October. We'll look for input from homeowners and others that might see 4WD traffic in the area up until then.
  - e. Valley Trail A-:
    - i. DOT approved easement back for One Bogle Rd again. Working on Kersten's easement, Eric and Travis met with them last week to see what we need to adjust in the plans to make it work for them. Travis may put in a retaining wall area in Kersten's lower area and pave that section for drainage issues; working on pricing this out to send to Selectboard.
- VII. Dog Waste Stations:
  - a. Have had several requests looking for more dog waste stations. Currently only location for dog waste bags and disposal is Dover Park. We found appropriate stations we could place in

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additional spots along Valley Trail – near Town Office Building, near bridge and possibly at end at Mountain Park Plaza. Have priced them out and will bring to Selectboard.

- b. Discussion about adding one at Crosstown Trail both entrances (Handle Rd and Country Club Rd) and Town Forest entrance. Noted that many dog walkers seen starting at entrance from Kingswood. Eric will speak with them.

**VIII.** Hathaway Trail User Groups continued discussion:

- a. Marc Schauber: property runs along good portion of trail. Can hear 4WD vehicles late at night 11pm-1am so in addition to trail damage creating noise nuisance.
- b. Continued discussion on this having been a problem for a least the last few years, trying to determine if gating sections would be effective and where those could go. What kinds of gates or trail narrowing could be used. Possibility of placing gates when DVSJ machines for maintenance work are in those areas to be efficient. Possibly taking action on the worst area and continuing to improve and monitor moving forward for other sections. Thinking of this as a long term project over next 10 to 20 years. Homeowner access rights to those with property on trail. How repair of worst mud pit area means return to additional 4WD traffic and that we need a traffic mitigation plan in place before repairs are completed. Marc has pulled Green Mountain Power vehicles out from the area a well.
- c. Eric and Mike Garber will work on a proposal to bring to the group and Selectboard.
- d. For next month we should bring anyone else into the conversation we think needs to be involved and think about if we go ahead and gate those trails – what does that look like in terms of a schedule for when we're restricting access.

**IX.** Motion to adjourn by Sarah at 7:34 PM, seconded by Patricia

Next meeting: July 12

Respectfully submitted,

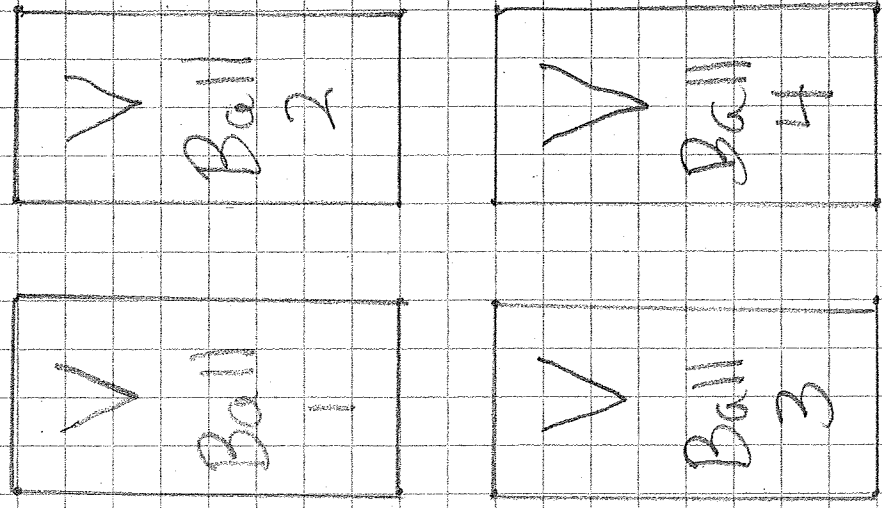
Shannon Wheeler  
Economic Development, Town of Dover

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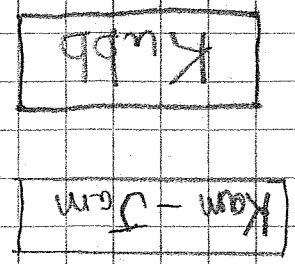
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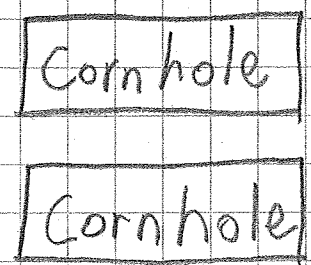
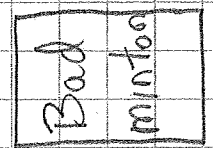
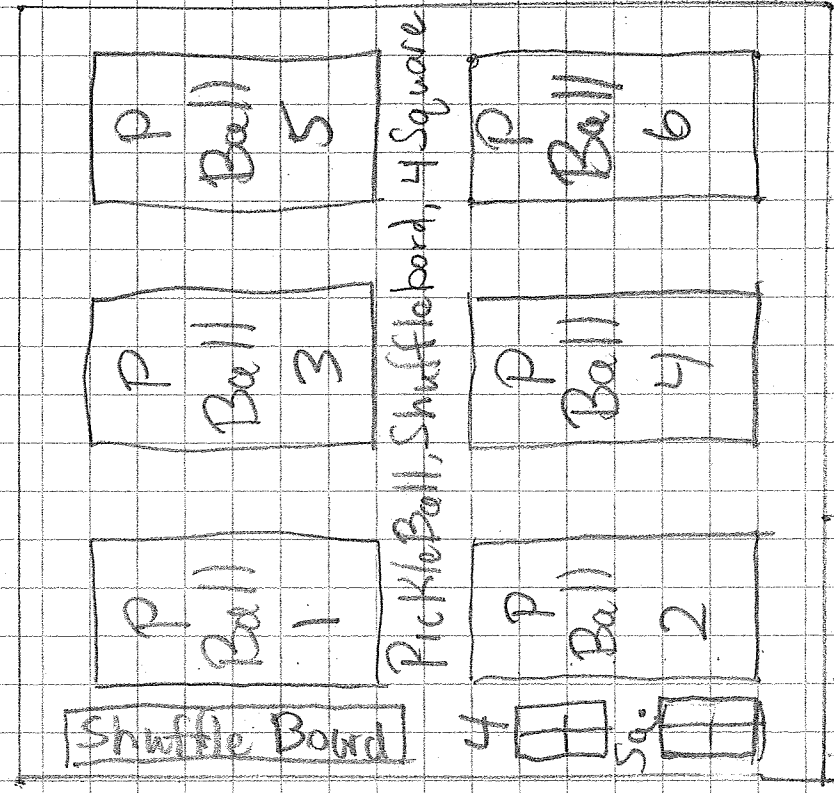
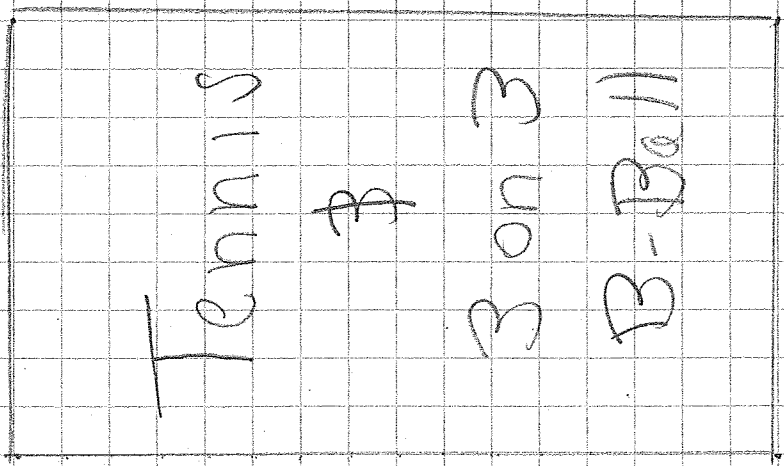
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Drive Way to 1711 Route 100



Parking Lot

Shed

Lawn Bowling

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Valley Trail

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Each Square  
Equals 7.5  
Feet

Valley