HMCA Activities Update

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A summary of what HMCA has been doing in the interval since the last submission in early November 2019.

* The Nov 9 Roger Haydock talk and walk (A Half-Billion Years of Geologic History at Hogback) was almost too successful. About 60 people crammed into the Museum to hear and see his indoor presentation, and about 30 of them joined the walk.
* By mid-month, BCTV had finished editing the videotape of the Roger Haydock presentation. We posted a link to the video on our webpage and announced it to the email list of Hogback fans. We received several email Thank You’s for videotaping the event.
* On the Friday after Thanksgiving, there was already snow on the ground, but nevertheless 10 people came out for the ski trail clean-up project.
* On Dec 9, three HMCA Directors (Amanda Whiting, Pieter Van Loon, Jack Widness) attended the Joint Regional Conservation Commission meeting, which is held quarterly for conservation groups in the county to learn what other groups are doing.
* In gray, misty conditions, eight people enjoyed the annual Sunset Snowshoe Hike to the Mt Olga summit in the late afternoon of New Year’s Eve.
* On New Year’s Day, the Mike Clough of the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum led a First Day hike which was well attended.
* Tracks show that backcountry skiers and snowboarders have been enjoying the snow-covered slopes.
* During the fall months, the web site has been receiving an average of about 40 visits per day. The Facebook page now has over 800 followers.