HMCA Activities Update

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

1. The habitat improvement work on the Great White Way has been completed. Professional logger and forest manager Robert Spring was hired, using the $1000 budgeted for the project plus a $500 earmarked donation, to supplement the work of the volunteers and the wildlife opening now stretches from the intersection with the Tower Trail down to the property line.
2. There was an excellent turnout of volunteers for the trail work day on the Friday after Thanksgiving.
3. Eight people came out for the New Year’s Eve sunset snowshoe hike to the fire tower.
4. The Southern Vermont Natural History Museum hosted a First Day hike on Hogback on New Year’s Day. Six people enjoyed an off-trail exploration of the western reaches of the conservation area where it abuts Molly Stark State Park.
5. The HMCA Board of Directors is continuing its work on revising the By Laws to 1) allow for a larger Board and 2) institute term limits.
6. The Hogback Facebook page now has over 630 “likes.” The web page has been averaging about 15 visits per day.