



Town of Northborough

Trails Committee

A Subcommittee of the Open Space Committee

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NORTHBOROUGH TRAILS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

January 10, 2006

Attendees:

Arthur Cole	Jack Hall
Marielle Stone	Forest Lyford
Betty Tetreault	Lisa Stebbins
Charles Bradley	

Guests: Steve Beard and Louise Janda, Berlin Conservation Commission

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Arthur Cole

Minutes of the November 7, 2005 meeting were approved

The committee approved the organization chart prepared by Arthur Cole as follows:

Operations: Development, construction, beautification, maintenance

Management: Record keeping, fund raising, public relations, external communications (foreign affairs).

Arthur Cole was then nominated as chairman of the Management Subcommittee, and Charlie Bradley was nominated as chairman of the Operations Subcommittee. These nominees were elected unanimously.

A motion was made to have the Co-chairmen serve two-year terms with the option for a second term after two years. The motion passed unanimously.

Guests from the Berlin Conservation Commission updated the committee on trails activities in Berlin, specifically the Mount Pisgah areas. Louise Janda reported that their group is working to upgrade trails maps, which will be accessible on-line. They will not give their trails names. They will use colored plastic marker similar to those used in Northborough. Markers will be selected in consultation with Charlie Bradley.

The committee unanimously approved the use of the name "Coyote Trail" for the new trail along the Assabet River. Arthur Cole reports that the trail is completed except for a few markers.

A connecting trail from the sewage pumping plant on Hudson Street along the Chapinville Canal is in the planning stages. The Committee unanimously agreed to name this proposed trail the “Chapinville Canal Trail.” The area of the Coyote and Chapinville Canal Trails will be referred to as the Assabet River area.

Arthur Cole reports that he met with Fred Litchfield, the Town Engineer, to discuss relocation plans for the Little Chauncy Trail. Fred agreed to the relocation.

Kathy Joubert reported in an email message that \$1229.99 of the \$2,000 grant has been spent.

Trails Maintenance options were discussed. Charlie Bradley suggested a stewardship approach where one person would be responsible for each of the 6 trail areas (my count): Mt. Pisgah; Edmund Woods; Cold Harbor; Assabet River; Watson Park; Cedar Hill. This will be the topic of further discussion at the next meeting.

Forest Lyford reports that Deirdre Ni Chonaill has completed the brochure for “The Edmund Hill Woods Natural and Cultural History Trail, Northborough, Massachusetts.” Marker posts are in place, so that project is now completed. The brochure will be updated as needed.

The meeting adjourned at about 8:30.

Submitted by Forest Lyford, acting clerk.

