



Town of Northborough

Trails Committee

A Subcommittee of the Open Space Committee

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Trail Committee Meeting at Northborough Town Hall

Meeting Minutes

Present: Marielle Stone, Charlie Bradley, Sue DesMarais, Ken Butler, Forest Lyford, George Curtis, Betty Tetreault

Meeting commenced at 7:00 pm.

March minutes reviewed. Motion made by B. Tetreault to approve March minutes. Motion second by G. Curtis. Vote unanimous.

Stewards Report:

Edmund Woods - Forest Lyford, Steward

Conservation Commission approved Boy Scout bridge.

Section of trail needs to be rerouted, will need text modification in brochure.

Box for brochures installed.

Some post removed and thrown in pond/brook - need to be replaced.

Needs: Money for brochure copies, signs, 6-10 planks for Meadow Brook entrance.

Cedar Hill - Marielle Stone, Steward

Work day scheduled for the coming Saturday, April 22, 2006 at 8:30 am. Plans to rebuild board walk by removing pallets and replacing planks/sleepers, rebuild crossing at stream area with temporary crossing, create new trail head and parking area, mark trail (install posts/markers), and improve cattle crossing tunnel.

Request made to name the re-established trails in the Cedar Hill area that were impacted during the construction of the MWRA filtration plant off of Cedar Hill Road. Discussion was held. Motion made by M. Stone to name the trails Crane Swamp, Plantation, Sawink Loop, and Cedar Hill Trail. Motion second by G. Curtis. Motion passed unanimously.

Watson Park - Betty Tetreault, Steward

One hanging branch on trail that may need to be removed. C. Bradley was to check out on Saturday to determine if removal with chain saw necessary.

Acrylic cover on map box broken - in need of replacement.

Sue DesMarais - Cold Harbor Trail - Carney Park

ATV usage noted in the area - may need to manage.

Broken glass near fire pit observed. Trash removed from area.

About 10 planks and some trail signs in need of replacement near the Cherry Street meadow.

Small stumps on trail causing tripping mentioned. S. DesMarais requested to do some maintenance to correct and it was encouraged by the committee attendees.

Mount Pisgah area - Charlie Bradley, Steward

New map developed by Sudbury Valley Trustees to be presented to the Berlin Conservation Commission tomorrow night for their consideration.

Trails in good condition.

Policy Items:

Agreed by committee members in attendance that the Northborough Trails Committee shall meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. If such Monday should be a holiday, then the meeting shall be held on the subsequent Tuesday.

Agreed by committee members in attendance that the discussion of the "Attendance Policy" shall be tabled and discussed at the next monthly meeting.

Other Business:

Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding update:

Article to be presented at the upcoming town meeting by John Campbell to allocate \$3,100 for the purchase and use by the Northborough Trails Committee for assorted equipment/supplies for the maintenance and management of the Northborough trail system.

Town Annual Clean Up Day scheduled for April 29, 2006. Trail committee members agreed to volunteer if schedules allow, but requested that they be directed to target clean up areas around trails/trail heads.

B. Tetreault asked about status of \$100.00 donation that specified that it be used for the benefit of wildlife or beautification. C. Bradley agreed to check w/ A. Cole regarding status.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes prepared by M. Stone.

