



# Town of Northborough

## Trails Committee

A Subcommittee of the Open Space Committee

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### Northborough Trails Committee Meeting Minutes September 18, 2006

The Northborough Trails Committee met at 7:00 P.M. in Conference Room C in the Town Office Building. Present were Charlie Bradley, Art Cole, George Curtis, Sue Desmarais, Marilyn Drisko, Nancy Gale, Claude Guerlain, Ellie Guild, Jack Hall, Scott Karpak, Forest Lyford, Josh Richardson, Jim Stein, Marielle Stone, Betty Tetreault. Minutes of the August meeting were accepted.

Charlie spoke of Applefest; the booth was manned and Charlie handed out many maps and site coversheets which he had collated.

There are sufficient maps in the planning Office. Forrest has made maps of the Jubilee Trail. There was much discussion about which trails are stroller-friendly. It was suggested that we post this information on our web site, as well as links to Rail Trails and to geocaching. George has given maps to the Southborough Parks Commission. After discussion regarding filling the map boxes, it was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that Stewards fill their own map boxes. (Tetreault, Curtis) Sue Desmorais will do this if the steward is unable to. Maps are still needed for the Coyote and Jubilee Trails. Forrest will provide map boxes where they are missing.

#### Stewards Reports

Cold Harbor: Marilyn; A map box is needed on West St which Forrest will replace. Boy Scouts have put in 320 feet of new planks through the fields, but they need more nails. Art Cole has sent a thank you note to Bryan Dailey, the Eagle Scout, for the nice job. Claude will notify the papers.

Talbot, Marielle; In good shape. She has a draft maintenance agreement for the Talbot trail regarding joint maintenance of the Talbot trail. Our previous suggestion of a relocation will not happen. There may possibly be a joint work party with Westborough. Bill Davis approves. MWRA is supposed to mow. The signs for Crane Swamp will be here soon from Assabet Vocational School.

Edmund Hill/Forrest; The Boy Scouts removed the pallets. Forrest used the left over planks to double up the walks. Charlie will deliver more to P.D. for Forrest.

Mt Pisgah/Charlie; He will build a new kiosk at Smith Rd. Motorcycles have been on the trail recently. Most of the signs have been removed.

Coyote/Claude; it's in good shape, and has been mowed. Invasive plants, bamboo are growing fast. Jack Hall removed some barbed wire and will remove the rest.

Coyote Trail Extension; the town is offering some of the Heitsma Farm for sale which will not impact our proposed trail... We are waiting for state approval for bog bridges. If they are not approved, we



could redirect it towards Tall Pines or Birchwood. Art will talk to Richard Tribiano of Dept. of Conservation and recreation.

Tall Pines might like it.

Watson Park/ Betty; One stretch needs wood chips spread over roots and muddy parts. Wood chips are there.

Charlie will set up a time for a work party

The deadline for applying grant from the Dept of Conservation and Recreation is October 2. Suggestions included money for a mower, a snow mobile to service trails in winter, a 6 x 20 trailer. Marielle and Art will work on this.

The Aqueduct bridge is not being used by MWRA. If they declared it surplus property it would go to Dept. of conservation and Recreation and could be given to the town. It's much eroded and would need a lot of money to turn it into a "Bridge of Flowers."

The CPA money left for bird house posts; Charlie will check on the deadline.

Suggestions were made for grand money

1. Education; Interpretive information put on a computer so it could be downloaded to personal devices to be used while hiking trails.
2. Transport Shed (trailer)
3. Mower.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Nancy Gale  
Secretary