



Town of Northborough

Trails Committee

A Subcommittee of the Open Space Committee

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Northborough Trails Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2006

The Northborough Trails Committee met October 16, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the meeting Room of the Northborough Police Station. The following members were present: Charlie Bradley, Art Cole, George Curtis, Nancy Gale, Claude Guerlain, Ellie Guild, Scott Karpak, Josh Richardson, Betty Tetreault, Jim Stein.

The minutes of the September meeting were accepted (George Curtis moved, Arthur Cole seconded).

This meeting is being held here in the Police Station tonight because the rooms at Town Hall are busy and the 3rd floor room there is too small for us. Betty Tetreault moved, Claude Guerlain seconded that we continue to meet here if the room is available. Unanimously approved.

Charlie reported on an email from Marielle that Crane Swamp will be mowed. She attended a meeting with Westborough on September 28, which went well.

Stewards Reports

Mt Pisgah: There has been a little vandalism. Both vistas, the South from which you can see Boston and Blue Hills, and North Vista are on private property.

Claude requested we get an easement through a new development to Moore Lane. The 7-8 house subdivision has not yet been approved.

Watson Park: Betty Tetreault reported the post with the map box has been dug up and removed. A trash barrel thrown into the pond has been reported to Kara who will have it removed. We had a wonderful work day; a Blue Spruce was planted for Betty near the butterfly garden, woodchips were spread, the trails were lopped and the Jack Hall Memorial Bridge has been replaced with a new one twenty inches wide. The new bluebird houses posts are in.

Coyote Trail: Claude reported Jack Hall and she have removed much of the barbed wire. The sign now says "temporary end". Art Cole reported the proposed extension has not yet been approved by the state.

Cold Harbor: Nancy Gale reported for Marilyn Drisko that the Plexiglas over the large map at Carney Park has been burned. It was suggested that we get a surveillance camera which might be too expensive and subject to vandalism.

Josh Richardson reported he and Forrest Lyford have written the application for a CPA grant for Interpretive Trails. Discussed were mp3 players on lanyards, headphones with programs to cover 8 trails. Another possibility is a podcast on the website which could be downloaded.

A new mower which would be an improvement over the borrowed one because it would have a reverse would cost about \$2300. It was moved (Betty Tetreault, seconded (Charlie Bradley, to apply for CPA funds for a CPA grant. to purchase a mower.

We now have a 5' x 8' trailer which is parked behind the police station. The donor gave us \$2850 for its purchase but the cost was \$2000. If the donor agrees, we will earmark the remaining \$850 as seed money for the purchase of the mower. Keys were given to each Steward We also can store bulk material at this site.

With much regret, Arthur Cole has resigned as cochairman but will continue until January 1, 2007. George Curtis moved, Betty Tetreault seconded that Marielle fill out Arthur Cole's term as cochairman this position as cochairman. And Arthur Cole will remain on the committee. Approved unanimously.

The next meeting will be November 20, 2006. It was moved seconded and approved that we have no meeting in December.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Nancy Gale
Secretary