

Dunstable Safe Pathways Committee Minutes
January 5, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

Attendees:

Susan Psaledakis, Richard Banville, Mathew Banville, Vincent Hollins, Jim Shea, Catherine Irzyk, Bob Irzyk, Diana Dalida, Juliana Perrissinotto

Main Topic:

Matt Banville, who is a Boy Scout in Dunstable, is considering the challenge of laying out some of the trails in Dunstable for his Eagle Scout Award. We covered the information of what we are looking at getting done overall and what we would like him to do for the committee.

Some of the action items Matt is considering to be involved in are;

- Create his development plan that must be approved by two Boy Scout Boards.
- To supervise and be responsibility the scouts that will be carrying the laptop.

Be responsible for the laptop that we will have from the government agency that Bob Irzyk has been working with. This equipment is very expensive and will be a huge responsibility for the scouts.

As the scout walks the trail the laptop would map out exactly where the trail goes with the GPS system.

Matt would then need to upload the information to the Government agency.

Create a card of introduction for the Scouts from the Pathway Committee to land owners.

The scouts will be in uniform, with a camera so they would be able to take photos to be used for other projects in the future, e.g. a board with location (of where a hiker is on the trail) and signs what they might see. Which could be a future project for other Scouts.

To ask other Scouts that are seeking to complete different awards, to get involved with future projects, e.g. creating markers that would be colored coded.

The Scouts that would assist Matt would learn confidence by approaching land owners to gain access to their property and to ask owners to consider the idea of putting a trail on their property.

If Matt is most interested in Goss property trails.

Bob Irzyk will be the committee contact for Matt.

Other topics:

The consensus was that there are many Boy Scout Trails that are already mapped.

Wes Goss has offered his property for trails as a "Thank You," for all the help the residents have given to his Family this last year!

Susan Psaledakis will phone Wes to confirm what he has in mind and if he wants motorized vehicles on his property. Wes says there are many logging trails that crisscross the property.

Whatever Susie finds out she will forward that information to Matt for his consideration.

Dave Webber has mapped out the original DRLT parcel. We do not think he has used the laptop GPS system that we will be using.

There will be training on this laptop in the future for those of us who would like to be involved in the mapping of trails. This is not supposed to be difficult or time consuming to learn.

Susan is going to contact Chief Charlie to inform him of what our plans are. Charlie knows all the accesses and right-of-ways in our town.

Susie is also going to contacting Jeff Rider, town engineer, concerning the future construction on 113 near McGovern's Farm that Jeff is presently working on.

As a committee, we will need the town's approval for our plans and our mission statement. Catherine Irzyk has been hard at work on our mission statement. We did make some changes to the statement at the meeting. Thank you Catherine.

Vincent Hollins attended our meeting and wants to be a member!

Bob Irzyk has collected topographic maps of Dunstable and the surrounding towns and created a topographic map of just Dunstable. He worked with Staples to create a enlargement, and had it mounted. Thank you Bob..

Our next meeting is on February 9th. at 7:00.

The meeting ended at 9:45.

Minutes taken by Juliana Perrissinotto