



Meeting Minutes - Newtown Trails Committee

8/18/2010

In attendance:

Committee Chair - Scott Coleman
Committee Secretary - Ron Poidomani
Committee Members:
Steve Rosentel
Karl Philippi
Tom Long
Mark Lurie
Paula Burton
Cindy Miller

Parks and Recreation Representative - Amy Mangold - not in attendance

Newtown Conservation Committee Representative - Mary Kaley
- not in attendance

Public Participants/Attendees:
Pat Barkman

7:10 call to order

Public Participation -

Item 1: None

Correspondence - None

Chairman report - None

Parks & Recreation Director report - None

Newtown Conservation Committee report - None

Old Business -

Item 1: Paul Burton reported that surveying at the Pole Bridge site is underway. A proposed trail route for that parcel is still pending and is dependent upon completion of the survey.

Item 2: Point of Rocks trail project



- Phase 1 has been defined
 - Phase 1 will run from Deep Brook Road towards the center of the parcel and end at the steep incline.
 - This part of the trail needs to be marked, cleared and cleaned. No heavy or motorized equipment should be needed.
 - Scott C. will work with Austin to determine status of the Eagle Scout project that is supposed to encompass this part of the trail.

- Phase 2 -
 - Will come in from Point of Rocks road and proceed up the incline to connect to the end of Phase 1.
 - Marking, clearing and cleanup will need to be done. No heavy equipment will be required.
 - Mark Lurie committed to having Phase 2 marked by September 12th and will send an email when he schedules a time to go out and mark the trail.

New Business –

Item 1: Cindy Miller has started working on a parcel of land off of Pond Brook Road. She will be writing up an initial proposal for the September meeting.

Item 2: Tom Long brought up the possibility of expanding or changing the existing Al's Trail between Sandy Hook center and Reed School to make it more accessible and characteristic of a pedestrian way. It was decided that the trail was created as a hiking trail so it would remain that way.

Although the character of the trail would remain as a hiking trail Pat Barkman would appreciate any help in the maintenance of the existing trail.

Item 3: Karl Philippi offered to solicit volunteers for maintenance of the trail and to organize a work party. He also suggested getting writing an article for the Bee to encourage participation by the community. The article would need to be reviewed by the rest of the committee before submission.

Item 4: Modifications to the Committee's Operating Guidelines were discussed. Proposed modifications will be incorporated into existing document and presented for approval at the Sept 9th meeting.

Item 5: The meeting time has joined starting in Sept. From September forward Committee meetings will be held the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm

Next meeting: September 9th at 7:00 pm