



Meeting Minutes - Newtown Trails Committee

9/9/2010

In attendance:

Committee Chair - Scott Coleman
Committee Secretary -
Committee Members:
Steve Rosentel
Mark Lurie
Paula Burton

Parks and Recreation Representative - Amy Mangold

Newtown Conservation Committee Representative - Mary Kaley

Public Participants/Attendees:
None

7:12 call to order

Public Participation -

Item 1: None

Correspondence - None

Chairman report - None

Parks & Recreation Director report - Nothing to report

Newtown Conservation Committee report - Mary Kaley reported that regarding the Point 'O Rocks trail, public input requested that verification be made by the town as to whether or not the proposed trail is on wetlands. If it is on wetlands, the Inland Wetlands Commission will determine if it is a regulated activity or not.

The commission would also like feedback on the proposed "Newtown Open Space Trail Proposal" document.

Committee member Mark Lurie to review the document.

Old Business -



Item 1: Pole Bridge Site: Still waiting for surveying to be completed

Item 2: Point of Rocks trail project - update:

- Parks & Rec approved the trail concept
- Mark Lurie presented to Conservation Commission
- Commission would like to see proposed trail shown on updated maps with the property lines to address concerns of neighbors
- Site walk was completed with the Conservation Commission
- A second presentation was done
 - updated maps
 - former land owner protested over use of land
 - the deed does not have any restrictions
 - local landowners attended with concerns about people wandering on their property
 - commission provided trail proposal document
 - walked upper Paugusset trail to view work Mark had done in the past with regard to sustainable trail building techniques

Item 3: Trail Building class

- looking for more attendees
- still looking for a place to practice techniques
- Scott to send out emails looking for participants

New Business –

Item 1: Joint meeting:

- It was proposed that the Trails Committee, the Conservation Commission and the Parks & Rec Commission meet jointly at the next meeting to make sure everyone understood the goals and desires of each of the respective groups
 - Mary Kaley to extend an invitation to the Conservation Commission
 - Amy Mangold to extend invitation to Parks & Rec Commission

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Next meeting: November 18th at 7:00 pm (due to Veteran's day on the 11th)

NOTE - Due to a potentially large group, the meeting is to be held at Town Hall South meeting room