



Town of Northborough

Trails Committee

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NORTHBOROUGH TRAILS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2007

The Northborough Trails Committee met on January 16, 2007 at the Northborough Police Station. The following members were present: Charlie Bradley, Marielle Stone, George Curtis, Marilyn Drisko, Nancy Gale Claude Guerlain, Scott Karpuk, Jim Stein and Russ Lang from Boy Scout Troop 1.

After Charlie Bradley opened the meeting at 7:08, the minutes were approved (Curtis, Drisko).

Marielle's term as Co-Chairman started officially on January 1, 2007. She will share duties with Co-Chairman Charles Bradley as necessary.

There was an article in the Community Advocate about the Algonquin Trail.

Steward's Reports

Little Chauncey - Claude Guerlain and Scott Karpuk walked this trail on Christmas morning and met lots of people on the trail. The water level on the trail was good.

Talbot Trail – needs maps

Edmund Hill – George Curtis reported he was there after Christmas and reported no problems- there were lots of dogs- but they left “no evidence.”

Mount Pisgah – Marilyn Drisko reported there were plenty of maps. Charlie Bradley has replaced the markers with ones that match those on the map. He removed the No Trespassing sign and relocated the new kiosk.

Cold Harbor – Marilyn Drisko says it's fine- there are lots of maps but the kiosk needs a drain hole.

Watson Park – Scott Karpuk says it was fine.

Yelleck Trail – Some trash was sent and the river will need a clean up in the

Spring. The parking lot is muddy. He proposed we relocate the trail to avoid the area where the rocks are loose.

Charlie Bradley is presenting our CPA funding proposal to the Community Preservation Committee on January 25th. Josh Richardson will be there for technical support.

Mary Goodnow's Grave – We need a sign post which Charlie will have made at Assabet High School. Jim Stein will sink a post. The Pheasant Run builder put in a parking lot. Many years ago Boy Scout Troop I constructed a trail to the grave. Russ Lang will have that troop maintain it. An informational plaque is needed. Forest will advise the Historical Commission that the trail is being improved.

Coyote Trail Extension – Rep. Naughton's staff is working on it.

Newton St. Trail – This appears to be impossible due to proximity of homes.

Charlie Bradley is proposing to the Conservation Commission a trail from Smith Rd to the Berlin Rd Trail which would reduce traffic on the Metzger Tail.

Algonquin School Property - The School Committee has unanimously approved our proposal to construct a trail around Algonquin High School which would not conflict with school athletics. Arthur Cole and Marielle Stone walked an area from Route 20, behind Algonquin High School to Bartlett Street. Art Cole will discuss this with the Conservation Commission. The wetlands would be avoided by using an old farmer's roadway built years ago. A pontoon bridge would be needed.

Cherry St. Area needs 120 feet of boardwalk rebuilt. The beavers have been trapped and relocated so now we need to remove the beaver dams Charlie Bradley will meet with Conservation Commission on February 12. The area north of West St. is flooded due to Beavers so we need to relocate the trail and add more boardwalks and make a new approach to the float bridge. Marielle Stone will

contact Boy Scout Ben Hamilton about this. Claude Guerlain knows a leader of Troop 101 whose members are willing to work on projects.

Guided Trail Hikes - Arthur Cole, Forest Lyford and George Curtis will lead hikes in cooperation with the Recreation Department. Information will be in their Spring Brochure and on our web site. AMC would like to snowshoe trails on Mt. Pisgah which Claude Guerlain and Scott Karpuk would lead.

We watched Northborough Trails, a DVD produced by Claude Guerlain and Scott Karpuk which we would like to link on our web site

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm

Nancy Gale
Secretary