



Town of Northborough

Trails Committee

A Subcommittee of the Open Space Committee

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Northborough Trails Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2007

The Northborough trails Committee met at 7:00 P.M. on April 9, 2007 at the Northborough Police Department. The following members were present: Charlie Bradley, Marielle Stone, Art Cole, George Curtis, Sherral Devine, Nancy Gale, Claude Guerlain, Jack Hall, and Kathy Joubert.

The minutes of the March meeting were accepted as read.

George Curtis reported that Forrest Lyford did a great job on Edmund Hill.

Our new member is Sherral Devine, 2 Garrison Rd., 508-393-3363, sher.devine@gmail.com.
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Steward's Reports

Marielle Stone reported she filled the map box on Little Chauncey. She set up a meeting with Bill Davis next Wednesday, April 11. The Talbot Trail is still too wet and the Northborough Trails Committee wants to relocate a portion

Little Chauncey: the road is full of very large pot holes and almost impassable. Mr. Darling of juniper Hill Golf course is maintaining the pipes on the beaver dam. These devices keep the water level lower. The bridge is still above water level. The Cattle Crossing is fine.

Mt. Pisgah – fine although Metzger trail needs work.

There have been many positive comments about the work of the trail Committee.

Charlie Bradley will meet with the Conservation Commission to ask permission to build a walkway over the brook or reroute the trail by Algonquin.

Betty Tetreault will keep the map boxes replenished at 119 Colburn St., and Watson Park

The Parking Lot at the Coyote Trail is a muddy mess. Claude Guerlain picked up a lot of trash and barbed wire.

Cold Harbor- Cheryl Devine reported the trail is good except for a few muddy spots.

The 19 Cedar Hills signs have been printed and are at Assabet for finishing.

Boy Scout Project – Sherral Devine and Marielle Stone met with Ben Hamilton about a project on the Cold Harbor Trail. 100 feet of boardwalk are needed, built to our specifications using 4 x 4” pressure treated sleepers or cinder blocks sunk in the mud with a walkway 2 planks wide.

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Boy Scout has to raise the funds for the project. Maybe the Appalachian Mountain Club would help with money if he made a presentation to them. Jack Hall would be the technical advisor.

The approaches to the bridge near the beaver dam, on the West St. side needs 30’ – 40’ of planking which the committee can do.

Mary Goodnow Trail, Jack Hall marked it by GPS and Charlie Bradley gave wordage to the town to put on the web site. The Historic Commission will maintain it.

Arthur Cole met with Joe IAGALLO, DIST. DIRECTOR FOR Ct. River Valley who says it looks favorable. Kathy Joubert will make a map of the trail and present it at the May meeting.

The Algonquin High School Trail: Fred Litchfield reported that the Conservation Commission and the American Heritage people want to withhold a decision until spring.

A final use map is needed for the Gutierrez land, showing a trail.

Earth Day is April 22. Town Cleanup is April 28; an email will be sent to Lisa Hodge of the Community Affairs Committee that we would like the Trailhead areas cleaned at Talbot Trail and along Hudson S

A Workday was scheduled for May 5. Meet at 8:00 at Church St.

The next meeting is May 21, 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Nancy Gale
Secretary