



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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NORTHBOROUGH TRAILS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2007

The Northborough Trails Committee met on August 20, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. at the Northborough Police Station. The following members were present: Charlie Bradley, Art Cole, George Curtis, Marilyn Drisko, Nancy Gale, Claude Guerlain, Ellie Guild, Scott Karpuk, Forest Lyford, Jim Stein and a guest, Eric Birch.

Eric Birch was introduced. He is associated with the Berlin Recreation Board and is interested in having Boy Scouts work on the Mt. Pisgah trails in Berlin. Eric was interested in learning how our Committee operates.

The minutes of the July meeting were accepted as amended

Steward's reports

Coyote: Charlie Bradley said it was in good shape. Ken Butler mows it when needed.

Cold Harbor: Marilyn and Sheryl will keep the map boxes supplied with maps. Charlie Bradley and Lynden Hough, a new volunteer, mowed and weedwacked the trail from Cherry St. to the woods. The water level was high. There is a large beaver dam 300 ft west of the concrete culvert. The West St. side of the trail is in good shape.

Edmund Hill: In good shape.

Jubilee: In good shape.

Little Chauncey: flooding under control; weeds very high. Marielle's husband did most of the cutting on the trail. The boat access road is still full of potholes. Bill Davis will be notified.

Watson Park: Ok

Mt. Pisgah: Charlie Bradley weedwhacked the Bennett trail. The boardwalks need to be widened. Charlie also cut back overgrown branches on some of the trails, other trails still need some work.

Talbot Trail: Miles Ferguson, Boy Scout, completed the new trail location as his Eagle Scout Project, and he did a wonderful job with the trail and boardwalks. It needs to be GPS'd and maps given to Mass Wildlife.

Potential Trail Locations:

Coyote Trail Extension: 2 Boy Scouts from Troop 101 will be responsible for the first mile-almost to just behind Jehovah's Witness Church; about 100 ft of boardwalk. Plans have been

given to each scout. Regional Director of DCR, Susan Hamilton with 2 subordinates, Charlie Bradley and Art Cole, Town Planner Kathy Joubert, and Town Engineer Fred Litchfield met and worked on an agreement. It still has to be officially approved by DCR.

The Stirrup Brook Bridge will be constructed with donated steel girders 11' long, and it will be 3 ft wide. We have enough money to pay for the planking. Conservation Commission has approved the trail as far as Boundary Street, but the bridge for Stirrup Brook will need Con. Com. approval.

Algonquin: The Conservation Commission wants a map showing all potential trails in town before considering this trail. After an informal meeting with the Con. Com. displaying our future trail plans we will consider filing an application for this trail with the Conservation Commission.

The Telegram and Gazette had a very nice article about the Trails Committee with several pictures of Charlie Bradley.

Boy Scouts: Cold Harbor; Ben Hamilton - on hold.
Talbot: Miles Ferguson completed his project - Nice Job.

Applefest: We have space and will display the trailer. Electricity is necessary to show the DVD. George Curtis will coordinate volunteers to man the booth. We will have 200 map packets to hand out.

Kids Quest was discussed; Sherral Devine will discuss this at a future meeting.

The next meeting will be on September 17, 2007

The meeting was adjourned at 8: 40 P.M.

Nancy Gale, Secretary