



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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NORTHBOROUGH TRAILS COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes October 15, 2007

Members Present: Forest Lyford, Charlie Bradley, Nancy Gale, Ellie Guild, Marielle Stone, Sherral Devine, Jim Stein, Scott Karpuk, Claude Guerlaine and Arthur Cole

Others present: Kathy Joubert, Town planner

Approved minutes of the September meeting with the amendment to correct the spelling of Laura Mattei's name.

Discussed various redesigned map boxes and decided to continue using clear face panels but make them full height to deter nesting insects and to make the maps accessible by hinging the roofs.

Heard the reports of trail stewards. Nothing unusual came up except for the report that several rifle-toting, camouflage-wearing masked men were seen on the Cold Harbor trail two days ago. Police were notified and they investigated. Kathy volunteered to follow up with the police department. Vandalism is also a commonplace problem on the Proctor trail.

Jim Stein was appointed co-steward with Betty Tetreault of the Watson Park trail.

Kathy reported that the legal division of the Department of Conservation and Recreation has approved the pending agreement with this committee and the DCR to permit construction of the Coyote trail extension. All that now delays final ratification is the approval of the union of laborers which has a contract with DCR.

Discussed the idea of providing fanny packs with hand tools to trail volunteers who participate. Arthur Cole was authorized to proceed with further research and report back at the next meeting.

Discussed the idea of an internet blog for the purpose of exchanging news and comments, with a link to it from the web site. Sherral Devine was authorized to prepare the idea in detail and then work it out with Kathy and the town's IT director, David Kane, and then report back to the committee at the next meeting.

Arthur Cole, Secretary