



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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Northborough Trails Committee Meeting Minutes November 17, 2008

Members Present: Charlie Bradley, George Curtis, Kathy Joubert, Scott Karpuk, Nancy Kellner, Forest Lyford, Bob Mihalek, Marielle Stone

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and the minutes of the October 2008 meeting were approved.

Trail steward reports were presented. Several areas were noted for further action or consideration.

- ❖ Charlie suggested that the Coyote Trail could be improved with boardwalks and/or “corduroy” in the muddy area near the canals.
- ❖ A post with a trail marker was recommended for the trailhead of the Jubilee Trail.
- ❖ The map of the trail system on the kiosk at the Edmund Hill trailhead at Rice Avenue has weathered and should be replaced.
- ❖ Upon completion of the Senior Center, signage could be erected to indicate access to the Edmund Hill trails.

A discussion followed regarding trail development.

- ❖ The Coyote Trail System has been completed. A discussion of potential names for the new spurs was tabled until our next meeting. Names for trails that are located on town owned land would require final approval from the Board of Selectmen.
- ❖ The “Algonquin” Trail is substantially complete. Sections 1 and 2 (both Boy Scout Eagle projects) are finished except for blazing and posts at trailheads. Charlie, Rob Horne and Adam Bradley installed a 40-foot bridge span and boardwalks in Section 3. The Regional School Committee Naming Committee will be responsible for the official naming of the trail. As a side note, Charlie reported that he has requested that the ARHS community be responsible for stewarding the trail. In addition, Marielle noted that there is an area that requires substantial clean up (due to the presence of 55 gallon drums, silt fence, buckets and tires). Kathy will follow up on this.
- ❖ George will write a press release about the new trails with content provided by Charlie. Kathy will also post this information on the website.

- ❖ Currently there are no Eagle Scout Projects in the pipeline. Charlie suggested that there is potential for a project(s) in the West Street and Cherry Street areas. He will attend Troop 101's meeting on 11/20.

Art Cole's resignation was recognized. The committee discussed appropriate recognition for his many years of service

Nancy Kellner was named the new secretary.

The website has not yet been updated. Kathy suggested that, in the interim, she could make a few changes to make the site more current.

The MP3 players with the Edmund Hill interpretive trail talk are now available at the library for borrowing by the public.

The picnic tables should be placed on the Coyote Trail by Thanksgiving.

The new map for the Coyote Trail System has been completed. Kathy will deliver it to the Trails Sub-committee.

Charlie will submit a request to the CPA for \$5,000 for future trails development. Nancy will submit a request to the CPA for \$1,000 for field packs to be available at the library for use on the trails.

Several areas for potential trail development were suggested. These include further development at Crane Swamp, DCR land across from the old town dump, at or near the new Loop Development (intersection of routes 9 and 20) and additional trails near the new Senior Center.

A brief discussion about a trail survey ensued. Kathy will consider incorporating this into projects currently underway in her office.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Kellner, Secretary