



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MAY 19, 2008

Members Present: Nancy Kellner, Jack Hall, Scott Karpuk, Ellie Guild, Nancy Gale, Forest Lyford, Marielle Stone, Arthur Cole, Charlie Bradley, Jim Stein

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meetings of March and April were approved.

Trail Stewards Reports: The major issue is flooding caused by beavers on the Crane Swamp Trail. The MWRA has agreed to fix the problem. The beavers may have something to say about that, however.

MP3 System: Forest reports that the MP3 system has been tested, found to have a few minor tweaks needed and that he and Josh Richardson will complete the tweaking soon.

Library's Children's Program: Nancy Kellner reported that the town library is contemplating a guided hike on our trails for its summer children's program. It proposes using trails close to the library's temporary location on Talbot Road. We approved the idea and agreed to provide guides if the hike goes ahead as proposed.

Funds for Watson Park Plants: We approved the use of money from the trails fund in the amount not to exceed one hundred dollars for the use of Betty Tetreault to purchase plants for the Watson Park entrance garden.

Monday Holidays: A discussion on the subject of the policy on meeting dates when holidays coincide with them culminated with no action being taken. The result is that the existing policy remains intact and that such situations will still be solved by delaying the meeting by one day.

Trails Committee Web Page: Charlie informed the committee of an agreement that he negotiated with the town GIS department concerning changes to our page in the town web site. The agreement is as follows:

Our web site remains part of the official town web site but changes to it will be made by us, currently in the hands of Josh Richardson, by this method: David Kane will supply Josh with a read-write CD containing the current text. Josh will make changes on it and return it to David. David will then insert those changes into the town's web page. The purpose of this compromise has been satisfied in that we can get changes entered in timely fashion but the GIS department is still in control of and responsible for the content.

Eventually the assistant to the Town Planner and Town Engineer will be trained to make the entries in order to replace Josh whenever he is no longer available to do it.

Arthur Cole, Secretary