



# TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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## NORTHBOROUGH TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JUNE 16, 2008

**Members present:** Marielle Stone, Sherral Devine, Nancy Kellner, Claude Guerlaine, Charlie Bradley, Arthur Cole, Jack Hall, George Curtis, Forest Lyford, and Josh Richardson.

**Approval of Minutes:** The May meeting minutes were approved after being amended to include the fact that the committee authorized Scott Karpuk to purchase two picnic tables at the cost of a maximum of \$200 each for installation on the northerly section of the Coyote Trail.

### Trails Stewards Reports

Marielle reported that she has obtained a gate key giving access to the Little Chauncy Trail through the pig barn yard at the Westborough State Hospital. The key was given to her by Randolph Holtgreffe, Vice President of the Central Massachusetts Radio Controlled Model Club which operates an airport there. This access point makes it much easier to mow the field through which the trail runs. She requests that Mr. Holtgreffe be added to the email list of the committee. She also reported that trail flooding caused by the pond's beaver dam has been eliminated by state wildlife officials' action to control the water level.

Charlie reported that he has had conversations with Jason Benoit of DCR about our use of its land and that Mr. Benoit told him that the SUASCO flood control area south of West Main Street and west of the Southwest Cutoff will soon be reopened to the public. Mr. Benoit also suggested a means of organizing a joint organization of town and DCR in order to facilitate future trail construction on DCR land. Charlie will investigate the possibility and report to the committee.

**Hand Tools:** We voted to buy some hand tools to store in the trailer for easy access and use. Money for their purchase is to be taken from the CPA funds already on hand.

**Library Hike - Little Chauncy Trail:** Nancy Kellner reported that the town library has set the date of July 19 for a guided educational hike for children and parents on the Little Chauncy Trail.

**MP3 System Update:** Josh announced that the MP3 players for public use on trails marked with special historical, environmental, or botanical locations are almost ready for testing by the committee and that he will shortly send email notice of readiness to all members.

Arthur Cole, Secretary