

TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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Town of Northborough-Trails Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes for September 21, 2009

<u>Present:</u> George Curtis, Sherral Devine, Mary Jaiswal, Nancy Kellner, Forest Lyford, Bob Mihalek, Tim Porter, Jim Stein, Marielle Stone

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm and the minutes of the August 17, 2009 meeting were approved.

Prior to the presentation of the trail steward reports, Bob listed the 9 major trail systems and their stewards.

- a) Mt. Pisgah-no reported issues
- b) Cold Harbor-second dam needs mowing
- c) Jubilee-no report
- d) Edmund Hill-Bob responded to a report of a fallen tree and removed it; while there, did some other clearing and enhanced "corduroying" in a muddy area
- e) Yellick and SuAsCo (aka Coyote/Bird Song/Old Farm)-submitted via email
 - a. Trash cleaned up
 - b. Signs and map boxes to be installed soon
 - c. Proposed work day October 24, 9 am, to work on bench cutting and erosion control
- f) Stirrup Brook-submitted via email
 - a. Trash cleaned up
 - b. Poison ivy treated
 - c. Signage to be installed soon
- g) Watson Park
 - a. Need better signage in the meadow
 - b. Path cleared
 - c. Possible project work for Special Needs adults?
- h) Cedar Hill/Little Chauncey-in good shape, needs some mowing and access road still needs work; Marielle to talk to Bill Davis about Connector Trail
- i) Juniper Brook-small connector trail to Westborough trails-no report

Old/New Business

- Eagle Scout Projects
 - Harry Silverstein (Marielle)-scoped out Chapin Canal Trail; solid waste clean up required; need permission from DCR to site trail
 - Gregg Farrell (Charlie)-200 feet of boardwalks were placed in meadow near Cherry Street; minor amount of finish work is needed

- Trail Building Workshop-Bob reported on workshop; both the materials provided and presentations were helpful and informative
- There was no discussion of trail development at this time
- Trailer parking at Birchwood-
 - Action item: Bob will contact the Birchwood Board of Trustees
- Trash removal at parking lots (Edmund Hill and Pisgah)-brief discussion about possible strategies to reduce trash at trailheads. Further discussion warranted.

Next Meeting is Monday October 19, 2009. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Kellner, Secretary