



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2009

Present: Charlie Bradley, Art Cole, George Curtis, Steve Daunais, Sherral Devine, Claude Guerlain, Mike Karpuk, Scott Karpuk, Nancy Kellner, Tim Porter, Jim Stein, Marielle Stone

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm and the minutes of the March 16, 2009 meeting were approved.

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

- Cold Harbor—boardwalk work needed, especially in meadow—plan is to remove some and replace some, hopefully to be completed by the scouts; it was recommended that Jack Hall look at the floating bridge for any corrective action
- Little Chauncey access road still flooded
- Mt. Pisgah—trails need minor grooming—perhaps to be organized by Claude and Jim as an Earth Day project
- Watson Park—there is now a fenced off/protected area for nesting turtles
- All other trails—fine or no status reported

Old/New Business

- Earth Day—debris clean up at Mt. Pisgah (see above)
- CPA grant request will be presented at Town Meeting
 - As an aside to this topic, the committee discussed the possibility of purchasing easements from property owners by Concom to ensure permanent access to trails
- Website (<http://www.town.northborough.ma.us/ntrails/new/index.php>)
 - Updates still pending; some links need to be fixed
 - Claude mentioned that Selectman Leslie Rutan commended Josh Richardson and the Trails Committee for both the website and our trail stewardship at a recent Selectmen's Meeting

- “The Trail” at Algonquin-still awaiting official name; Marielle will send letter to Charles Gobron; Nancy will attend next Regional School Committee meeting (5/20)
- Potential Trail Development—continued discussion about possible areas for future trails
 - New loop trail near Talbot on Mass Wildlife Property (Marielle will have discussions with appropriate personnel)
 - Route 20/Tomblin Hill (Charlie in discussion with Jason Benoit of DCR)
 - ConCom land near Smith Pond
 - Sulfur/Sulphur Hill-look into purchasing easements
 - Chapin Canal—from Pump House on Hudson to Yellick Parking area
 - Art commented that we have the appropriate authority from both DCR and Town Water/Sewer department
 - Historic nature of trail was discussed
- Dogs-Charlie reiterated our stance on the issue of dogs on trails—To paraphrase, “Our scope is that we are not land managers, we are trail stewards. We are not enforcers of laws or policies”
- Claude mentioned a “drop-in” hike that she is leading for AMC. Date is May 13, 6 pm, meeting at Jehovah’s Witness parking area
- George asked that information about future hikes be sent to him so that he can publicize them

Next Meeting is Monday May 18, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Kellner, Secretary