



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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Approved June 15, 2009

Meeting Minutes for May 18, 2009

Present: Charlie Bradley, George Curtis, Claude Guerlain, Nancy Kellner, Forest Lyford, Bob Mihalek, Jeff Pierce, Margie Pierce, Marielle Stone

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm and the minutes of the February 16, 2009; March 16, 2009 and April 20, 2009 meetings were approved.

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

- Coyote Trail System (including Bird Song and Old Farm)—trails are seeing lots of activity; some small stumps on trail have been exposed due to compacting of soil; considering rerouting of Birdsong Trail to bring it out of wet area; Claude cleared significant amount of bamboo from trailhead at Yellick parking lot
- Jubilee is in good shape; one small tree needs to be removed
- Edmund Woods in good shape; need more maps
- Little Chauncey access road still flooded
- Mt. Pisgah—significant poison ivy noted at trail head of Bennett Trail; rest of system in good shape
- Trail at Algonquin—meadow is dry and packed down due to heavy usage; Forest noted that he found some bricks, presumably from the Goodrich Brickyard which was once located at that site
- All other trails—fine or no status reported

Old/New Business

- CPA funding was approved at Town Meeting. \$5,000 available on July 1, 2009 for additional trail development
- Applefest 2009-George has arranged for a double booth to be shared with Sudbury Valley Trustees and Open Space Committee; board members volunteered to cover all the shifts
- BSA Eagle Scout Projects
 - Greg F to work on Cold Harbor Trail (meadow section); to be rerouted to higher land to improve access for mower to meadow and to have smaller environmental impact. Charlie is contact for this project.

- Ryan L to work on Trail at Algonquin—to include clean up and possibly a small park-like area. Claude is contact for this project.
- Harry S to work on new Canal Trail and/or rerouting of Coyote Trail. Marielle is contact for this project.
- Charlie will purchase cable to secure picnic tables and bridges
- Potential Trail Development—continued discussion about possible areas for future trails
 - New loop trail near Talbot on Mass Wildlife Property—there is currently a hold on all trail development on MWR property
 - Route 20/Tomblin Hill (Charlie in discussion with Jason Benoit of DCR)
 - ConCom land near Smith Pond—waiting to hear from Fred Litchfield
 - Sulfur Hill
 - Chapin Canal—potential BSA Eagle Scout project
- Charlie announced his resignation as chairman effective June 19, 2009. He intends to remain active as a volunteer. Succession strategies to be discussed at our next meeting.

Next Meeting is Monday June 15, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Kellner, Secretary