



# TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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## Meeting Minutes July 20, 2009

Present: Diane Benison, Charlie Bradley, Lana Chan, Sherral Devine, Claude Guerlain, Scott Karpuk, Nancy Kellner, Forest Lyford, Bob Mihalek, Tim Porter, Marielle Stone

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm and the minutes of the June 15, 2009 meeting were approved.

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

- Coyote/Bird Song/Old Farm Trails—Claude pulled out bamboo near trailhead; Marielle shared letter (dated July 9, 2009) from Birchwood Adult Community regarding posting of “No Trespassing” signs to indicate that their private land is “off limits” to trail users; Claude’s signage project should be completed within next few weeks
  - Signage (in general) was discussed at length—the following items were noted:
    - In the past, John Hughes (Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School) had made up the “logo stickers” for us. Art had been the contact for this.
    - Charlie and Art have stockpile of aluminum sign panes
    - Lana Chan offered to print logo on clear labels to be affixed to sign panes
    - Claude (and family) will take care of lettering and sign completion
- Jubilee requires a little clearing around sign at trailhead
- Edmund Woods—Forest reported that map has been replaced and should weather better due to photographic paper and roof on kiosk; Forest and George improved boardwalks on Proctor Trail
- Little Chauncey has been mowed; Marielle noted that access road is flooded again; some trees have fallen on Cole Trail; Marielle to follow up with Dan Stimson regarding other trail maintenance
- Mt. Pisgah—Bob cleared trailhead at Bennett so that it is easier to spot from the road; he will return and do more clearing further up the trail
- Cold Harbor—Sherral and Nancy cleared out ferns and other foliage on the stretch from West Street to Church Street; Sherral will return to blaze Beaver Trail
- Watson Park—request from Betty Tetreault for help with weeding butterfly garden

- Stirrup Brook—Bob will clear meadow portion of trail with brush trimmer and/or mower; Claude will take care of signage
- Charlie noted that he still needs to pick up cable (to secure bridges) and mailboxes to be used as map boxes

#### Old/New Business

- Chairman's Status-It was moved and seconded that Bob Mihalek assume the position of Chairman to be effective through the January 2010 meeting, with Marielle to remain as Vice Chairman. Bob noted that he would be glad to continue to serve beyond that time, at the pleasure of the committee. A unanimous vote in favor Bob's Chairmanship was recorded. Congratulations!
- Google Groups/Website-Jim set up a Google Group for the purpose of communicating status of the trails and maintenance. It is intended to be a private group for the committee to communicate among themselves; Lana offered to be a liaison with Josh to update and maintain website; Nancy reported that Jeff will bring other "electronic communication" options to our next meeting
- BSA Eagle Scout Projects
  - Ryan Lang (Stirrup Brook Trail)—Claude discussed status of this project. There are concerns about ticks and poison ivy impacting the use of a Nature's Classroom area. Claude will continue to work with Michael Gorman, Facilities Director at Algonquin to address this issue (and the related concern of trash removal).
  - Harry Silverstein (Proposed Canal Trail and/or rerouting of Bird Song) Marielle is awaiting a status report on this project
  - Greg Farrell (Cold Harbor Trail)-- Charlie signed off on this application last week and it is awaiting Council approval. Greg hopes to start in August. CPA will fund the materials for the boardwalks (with extra wood available for Bird Song)
- Potential Trail Development—tabled until next meeting
- A "tour" of the trailer was held after the meeting was adjourned

Next Meeting is Monday August 17, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Kellner, Secretary