



# TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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## Town of Northborough-Trails Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes for January 19, 2010

Present: Charlie Bradley, George Curtis, Irmine Farmerie, Mary Jaiswal, Scott Karpuk, Nancy Kellner, Forest Lyford, Bob Mihalek, Jim Stein, Marielle Stone

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm and the minutes of the November 16, 2009 meeting were approved.

### Trail Steward Reports

- a) Mt. Pisgah-Mary reported trails are well-used and in good shape; Charlie and mountain bikers did some fall maintenance involving leaf removal and creating water bars
- b) Cold Harbor-no official report but hikers have reported it in good condition
- c) Jubilee-Forest reported that Jubilee is in fine shape
- d) Edmund Hill-all trails in fine shape per Forest; Bob will look into possibility of kiosk at trailhead near Senior Center and will also inquire about parking
- e) Coyote/Bird Song/Old Farm-all fine according to Scott, with some boardwalk planks needed in wet areas (a project for the spring)
- f) Stirrup Brook-Scott noted that trails are busy, being used by Algonquin classes and others. Forest shared a historical observation about the meadow. It is the former site of the Howe Brickyard, active in the 1800's. Bricks are still extant under the surface.
- g) Watson Park-no report
- h) Cedar Hill/Little Chauncey- no official report, although Marielle noted that boardwalk planks need replacing and that some work is being done at the access point to mitigate the flooding

### Old/New Business

- Eagle Scout Project--Chapin Canal
  - DCR denied original request submitted by Marielle. Subsequent to a meeting at the site held in December, they agreed to reconsider request for a historical site with a spur to provide visitor access. Forest has provided a letter of support from the Historical Society and will seek same from Historic Commission.
- Eagle Scout Project--Nature's Classroom at Algonquin (Stirrup Brook Trail)

- Scott Karpuk made a motion to fund the materials for this project upon its approval by the Boy Scout Council, up to the sum of \$1,000. Seconded by Bob Mihalek and approved by the committee. This falls under the trail development allowable use of CPA funds.
- George reminded the committee that he would be happy to publicize any upcoming guided hikes via the local access cable channel.
- There was a brief discussion of the website. Jim Stein offered to make the necessary updates and corrections that were suggested by Charlie and others. Bob will meet with Josh to facilitate this transition.

Next Meeting is Tuesday February 16, 2010, due to the Monday holiday for President's Day.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Kellner, Secretary