



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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Town of Northborough-Trails Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes for February 22, 2010

Present: Claude Guerlain, Scott Karpuk, Nancy Kellner, Forest Lyford, Bob Mihalek, Jim Stein, Marielle Stone

Guests: Harry Silverstein, Ellen Silverstein

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm and the minutes of the January 19, 2010 meeting were approved.

Trail Steward Reports

- a) Mt. Pisgah-Charlie reported by email that all is well
- b) Cold Harbor-no official steward report, but Claude noted that kiosk needs repair, and a tree is down across the trail across from West Street
- c) Jubilee-Forest reported that Jubilee is in fine shape
- d) Edmund Hill-all trails in fine shape per Forest
- e) Coyote/Bird Song/Old Farm-all fine except for garbage at parking lot at Boundary Street trailhead
- f) Stirrup Brook-trail is fine; maps are needed
- g) Watson Park-no report
- h) Cedar Hill/Little Chauncey- no report. Some discussion of possible trail development on Northborough land by Westborough Charm Bracelet commission. Northborough Trails Committee would like to be involved in this process. Bob agreed to co-steward this trail system with responsibility for Sawink Farm and the Connector Trails.

Old/New Business

- Eagle Scout Project--Chapin Canal at Yellick
 - As reported last month, 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 (or “feature”) 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, chaired by Norm Corbin.
 - Scout Harry Silverstein reported on his activity. He has researched the historic feature, located a photo of the mill and has suggestions for various kiosk options. Pending approvals he would like to begin work this summer to be completed in the fall.

- Eagle Scout Project—Nature’s Classroom at Algonquin (Stirrup Brook Trail)
 - Scout Andrew Savarese has agreed to the project
 - Principal Tom Mead has approved project
 - School Superintendent Charles Gobron strongly supports project
 - School committee approval is required; to be presented at the April 2010 meeting
 - Tentative schedule would be to start in the fall
 - Project will include picnic tables, a kiosk with educational information about ticks and possible podium/platform

- Scott suggested and the committee enthusiastically agreed to put enlarged maps of the entire Northborough Trail System on all existing kiosks to publicize the miles of trails the town has to offer.

- Website update—Bob contacted Josh to let him know that Jim has offered to handle the updates and corrections that are pending. Scott suggested the possibility of a quarterly electronic newsletter. Bob offered to create a Facebook Group for trails users.

Next Meeting is Monday March 15, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Kellner, Secretary