



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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Trails Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes March 15, 2010

Present: George Curtis, Sherral Devine, Claude Guerlain, Mary Jaiswal, Scott Karpuk, Nancy Kellner, Bob Mihalek, Jim Stein

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm and the minutes of the February 22, 2010 meeting were approved.

Trail Steward Reports

- a) Mt. Pisgah-Mary reported that trails are well used; she is replacing maps on a regular basis. She suggested possibility of placing a bench at the South View. Scott suggested a picnic table. There was also a brief discussion of the wording of signage (for all trails) to encourage people to “leave no trace” and “pack their trash out”.
- b) Cold Harbor-Sherral observed that trail is “really wet” and provided photographic evidence. She also reported that the Plexiglas is broken on the map box at Carney Park.
- c) Jubilee-No report from steward.
- d) Edmund Hill-No report from steward, but Bob reported in good shape. He also shared his experience in the pine grove and the discovery of a pine, tentatively measured at 126 feet tall.
- e) Yellick and SuAsCo (Coyote/Bird Song/Old Farm)-No report about the trail, but Claude reported that she has cut lumber for map boxes to be placed at Bartlett trailhead of Stirrup Brook, as well as Cedar Hill and Talbot Trail.
- f) Stirrup Brook-Scott reported that trail is fine.
- g) Watson Park-Jim noted a significant number of tires in water at shoreline. Cleanup was discussed.
- h) Cedar Hill/Little Chauncey- no report.

Old/New Business

- Eagle Scout Project--Chapin Canal at Yellick
 - Still waiting for DCR approval.
- Eagle Scout Project—Nature’s Classroom at Algonquin (Stirrup Brook Trail)
 - Awaiting School Committee approval.
- Website update—A discussion ensued about the management of the website. The committee recommends that there should be two administrators for

adequate oversight (what Mary referred to as the “Bus factor”). Bob and Jim will continue to follow up with Josh to ensure a timely transition. The committee also agreed to invite Kathy Joubert and David Kane to a future meeting to discuss website ownership, control and management.

- Nature trek packs-Mary and Nancy gave the committee an update about this project, which is being funded with a library grant. It was decided that for now we will use the existing maps (laminated at an office supply store) until more up-to-date maps are available.

Next Meeting is Monday April 12, 2010. (Please note that this is the 2nd Monday of the month. We are meeting one week earlier due to Patriot’s Day.)

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Kellner, Secretary