



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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Trails Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes June 21, 2010

Present: Sherral Devine, Claude Guerlain, Nancy Kellner, Forest Lyford, Bob Mihalek, Matt Scott, Jim Stein and Marielle Stone

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm. Approval of the May minutes was postponed until our next meeting

Trail Steward Reports

- a) Mt. Pisgah-The trails are in good shape per Charlie's email.
- b) Cold Harbor-Sherral reported that she rescued the map box from the woods; it needs to be reinstalled in a sturdier manner. The trailhead map has faded and should be replaced. Also, weed whacking needs to be done near the boardwalks. Bob noted that there was some shifting of the boardwalks near Cherry St. Bob will ask GIS to print and laminate a large map and he volunteered to cement the map box pole.
- c) Jubilee-Forest reported doing some lopping maintenance
- d) Edmund Hill-Forest thanked Bob for his grooming/tree cutting. Mapbox has gone missing and kiosk damaged. Bob noted that a local resident (Marie-Anne Faissler) functions as an unofficial steward of this trail by routinely cleaning area and updating Kathy Joubert about vandalism and other issues. Planks on Proctor Trail need work. Forest will make a kiosk for trailhead at Senior Center and also plans to paint numbers on markers.
- e) Yellick and SuAsCo (Coyote/Bird Song/Old Farm)-Claude reported an ant nest in mapbox. Nancy noted trailhead is overgrown.
- f) Stirrup Brook-Claude reported beaver activity. Discussion was held on possible solutions.
- g) Watson Park-Jim showed slideshow indicating trail site has been used as a small tire dump. Also discussed potential for turning trail into loop or lollipop shape to encourage more use.
- h) Cedar Hill/Little Chauncey-Marielle reported mowing of Little Chauncey. She will check other sections as well. Need to replace broken boardwalks.

Old/New Business

- As a "sidebar" to the Trail Steward reports, a brief discussion was held about rating the trails for the local, casual user (in other words, not based on the AMC ratings). This is a potential future project for the website.

- Eagle Scout Project--Chapin Canal Public Access at Yellick
 - Harry submitted a draft proposal to Marielle. Awaiting further word from the town government about approach to clean up. Marielle will follow up. Could possibly be an OAR project in the fall.

- Eagle Scout Project--Nature's Classroom at Algonquin (Stirrup Brook Trail)
 - Andrew plans to submit his proposal to BSA in July. He will be soliciting lumber donations from local suppliers.
- Website update--Jim has exchanged emails with David Kane. Town is in the process of upgrading its server. Upon completion we will have access to our own site so that we can update ourselves.
- Bob will make a presentation to the Board of Selectmen on July 19, per their request. This will take place in lieu of our July meeting.
- The committee is still looking for volunteer help to restore the Bird Song trail bridge.
- There was a brief discussion about interest in Westborough State Hospital property for development of trails.

Board of Selectmen presentation is Monday July 19, 2010 in lieu of our July meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Kellner, Secretary