



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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Northborough Trails Committee Meeting Minutes November 15, 2010

Attendees: Bob Mihalek, Marielle Stone, Claude Guerlain, Forest Lyford, Jim Stein, George Curtis

Guest: Arnold Oyola

7:05 pm Bob opened the meeting. Because of an oversight, minutes for October had not been distributed. The minutes for October will be considered for approval at the next regular meeting.

Arnold Oyola discussed a hike by cub scouts in Edmund Woods. The scouts enjoyed the adventure. More hikes are planned.

Trail Steward Reports

- a) Mt. Pisgah- Charlie Bradley sent an email to Bob stating that all was in order. One hiker reported having trouble finding the Bennett Trail from the parking area. A sign at the parking area would be helpful to direct hikers to the trail head. No follow-up was planned at this time.
- b) Cold Harbor- No formal report. Forest reported that he had hiked most of the trail recently and all was in order. He suggests that four 12-foot bridges, built recently by Bob and Forest, be placed to span wet areas near the floating bridge. There was discussion of contacting Boy Scouts to help place the bridges
- c) Jubilee-Forest-good shape
- d) Edmund Hill- Forest-good shape. A volunteer, Marie-Anne Faissler, and her husband used available blanks to span 2 wet areas on the Proctor Trail and one area on the lower loop of the Edmund Hill Trail. Bob removed a large downed tree on the lower loop near the new plank walk. While he was out there he observed that several bridges along the Proctor Trail had been moved or overturned and he moved them into their previous locations. Forest moved several unused

planks to the trail head for eventual transportation to the storage area.

- e) Yellick & SuAsCo- Claude Reports that the trails are in good shape. Forest offered to reinstall two sign posts that had been removed near the Yellick conservation area and near Boundary Street. Bridges need to be installed in wet areas along the Bird Song and Old Farm Trails.
- f) Stirrup Brook-Claude: trails in good shape. A bridge is needed to span a wet area at the edge of the grassy meadow. Forest and Claude led a hike for seniors on October 28 from Rt. 20 to the sewer line clearing.
- g) Watson Park-Jim- A marker was placed near the pump house. The committee discussed the possibility of constructing a trail loop south of the pump house.
- h) Cedar Hill- Marielle- All is in order. Forest removed several bags of trash that had been dumped at the trail head on Talbot Road and placed them in the dumpster at the town garage. A treadmill and bed frame still have to be removed. On November 11, Forest led a hike for seniors along the Cole trail and as far as the clearing on Cedar Hill.

Old/New Business including, but not limited to:

Marielle reports that Harry Silverstein is making progress on the Chapin Canal improvements. Claude reports that the outdoor classroom project by Andrew Sevaese will be completed with construction of a podium.

Jim Stein reports that he is creating a photo gallery on the website. He asked members to review an interactive map that he has prepared.

December Meeting: A social gathering for committee members and trails alumni will be held on December 13. George will check on the availability of the community center at Birchwood. If that is not available he will reserve the meeting room at the Police Station.

8:46 pm Adjourn