

TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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TUESDAY January 18, 2011 Northborough Trails Committee Police Station Meeting Room

Minutes Attendees: Bob Mihalek, Forest Lyford

7:10 pm Bob opened the meeting. Attendance was limited because of stormy and icy conditions. Minutes for June, August, October, and November, 2010, had been distributed by email to committee members. In the absence of comments from committee members, the minutes were approved.

Trail Steward Reports

- a) Mt. Pisgah No formal report. Forest reported that he had recently walked several trails in the Pisgah area and all appeared to be in order. Charlie Bradley e-mailed in that he had walked the trails in November. Charlie will contact Faith Meyer from the Northborough Patch about scheduling a hike at Mt. Pisgah.
- b) Cold Harbor No formal report. Forest reported that he had walked and skied most of the trail recently and all was in order. In December, several on the committee moved 5 bridges to the trail near West Street for installation after the ground thaws.
- c) Jubilee Forest-good shape
- d) Edmund Hill Forest-good shape. The map box at the Rice Avenue parking area had been torn off and thrown over a nearby embankment. This has happened several times in the past.
- e) Yellick & SuAsCo (Coyote, Bird Song, Tall Grass trails) Claude and Forest reinstalled sign posts that had been removed near the Yellick conservation area and near Boundary Street. A bridge was installed by committee members in a wet area along the Bird Song Trail. Claude phoned in a report that all trails in this area are getting extensive snow shoe and X-C ski use.
- f) Stirrup Brook No formal report. A Cub scout troop let by Arnold Oyola installed a bridge across a wet area near ARHS.
- g) Watson Park- No formal report.

h) Little Chauncy/Cedar Hill/Sawink- No formal report. Forest reports that he had walked most of the trails during the last two months and that all was in order. The town DPW removed a treadmill and bed frame that had been dumped at the trail intersection with Talbot Road. Bob reports that he mowed the connector trail during the Fall.

Old/New Business including, but not limited to:

Bob reports that Eagle Scout Candidate, David Blake, is seeking an Eagle project. Bob will discuss the possibility of replacing plank walks with bridges along the Little Chauncy Trail.

Forest reports that he met with Eagle Scout Candidate, Harry Silverstein, in December to discuss construction of a kiosk for the Chapin Canal improvements. Forest will assist with construction of the kiosk.

Bob had been informed that signs are being made by Andrew Savarese for the outdoor classroom project near the Stirrup Brook Trail.

7:57 pm Adjourn

CC Town Clerk; Town Administrator; Conservation Commission; Chief Mark Leahy; Parks & Recreation Commission; Appalachian Mountain Club