



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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MONDAY March 21, 2011
Northborough Trails Committee
Police Station Meeting Room
211 Main Street

Minutes

***Attendees: Bob Mihalek, Forest Lyford, George Curtis, Sherral Devine
Marielle Stone, Scott Karpuk, Jim Stein***

7:10 pm Bob opened the meeting. Minutes of the February 22, 2011, meeting were accepted as written.

There was a follow-up discussion from last month on the problem of dog droppings along trails, particularly during periods of deep snow. After brainstorming several possible solutions to the problem, Marielle reminded us that solving the problem is beyond the scope of Trails Committee.

Trail Steward Reports:

- a) Mt. Pisgah - Charlie Bradley reported in an email that the trails are in good shape. He removed a few branches that had fallen on trails during the winter. Spring-season water is ponded in a few places.
- b) Cold Harbor - Sherral reports that the trail is good shape except some small trees are hanging over the trail near the fenced yard and should be removed.
- c) Jubilee - No report
- d) Edmund Hill - Several on the committee have hiked the trails recently and found them to be in good shape.
- e) Yellick & SuAsCo (Coyote, Bird Song, Tall Grass trails) - Scott reports that the trails are in good shape. He has removed some branches that fell during the winter. The parking area at Boundary Street is heavily used by construction workers and is very muddy.
- f) Stirrup Brook - No formal report.
- g) Watson Park- No formal report.
- h) Little Chauncy/Cedar Hill/Sawink- Marielle reports that the sections that she has checked recently are in good shape.

Old/New Business:

- a) B.S.A. Eagle Scout Project Updates
 - 1) Chapin Canal (Harry Silverstein): Forest will be assisting on construction of a Kiosk during the next month.
 - 2) Nature Classroom (Andrew Savarese): Scott reports that a kiosk is in the planning stages.
 - 3) Potential new project: David Blake is looking for an Eagle project. Bob will discuss the possibility of replacing planks near the beginning of the Little Chauncy Trail with either new planks or bridges.

- b) Website Update: Jim reports no recent activity

- c) Wegmans Fitness Passport: Jim and Bob have discussed the fitness passport program with Wegmans. Wegmans will prepare a booklet of maps and will provide emblems for placement at check points along the trails. Participants who fill their booklet with rubbings at the check points will be given a coupon toward the purchase of groceries. Jim has been preparing simplified maps of selected trails for inclusion in the booklet. Bob will brief Kathy Joubert and the Open Space Committee on this planned activity.

- d) George reports that 2011 is the tenth anniversary of Trails Committee. The first meeting was held in January 2001. With approval by the Committee, he is preparing a document "History of Northborough Trails" to be completed by December 2011. George honored Forest with an "at-a-boy" for his tenth anniversary on the Committee, having joined in March 2001.

8:53 pm Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
Forest Lyford

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