

TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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<u>MONDAY</u> June 20, 2011 Northborough Trails Committee <u>Police Station Meeting Room</u> 211 Main Street

Minutes

Attendees: Bob Mihalek, Forest Lyford, George Curtis, Nancy Kellnar, Marielle Stone, Scott Karpuk, Jim Stein

Guest: Tim Pettus

7:10 p.m. Bob opened the meeting. Minutes of the May 16, 2011, meeting were accepted as written.

Trail Steward Reports:

- Mt. Pisgah no formal report. Bob and Forest have walked many of the trails recently and saw no problems. Forest trimmed brush along the Loop Trail.
- Cold Harbor: No formal report. Bob and Forest have walked the trail recently
 and saw no problems. The field near Cherry Street needs mowing. Bob
 suggested that additional foot bridges be added to the bridge across Cold
 Harbor Brook near Church Street to provide access during periods of high
 water. Poison ivy is thick near the Church St. entrance.
- Jubilee Trail: Forest reports that all is OK there. He recently stocked the map box on West Main St.
- Edmund Hill: Forest reports that all trails are OK. With completion of the soils restoration project, the Goldfinch Trail can now follow its original route around the fish pond.
- Coyote/Bird Song/Old Farm: Scott reports that all is in order.
- Stirrup Brook: Bob has recently mowed the meadow.
- Watson Park: Jim reports that the Town periodically mows the open fields.
- Little Chauncy/Cedar Hill/Sawink: Marielle has recently mowed the Little Chauncy Trail near Littly Chauncy Pond; Bob has recently mowed the Connector Trail.

Old/New Business:

• B.S.A. Eagle Scout Project Updates:

- Bob reports that David Blake has prepared a proposal for improvement to the Little Chancy Trail as part of his Eagle Scout project.
- Bob reports that Harry Silverstein has moved debris and brush along the proposed historic walkway. Forest reports that he assisted Harry with construction of a kiosk. The kiosk still needs to be installed.
- Website Update: Jim reports that a website tag to photos is under development.
- Wegman's Fitness Passport: Bob passed around a draft of the passport map booklet. When approved, 1,000 copies will be printed. Current plans are for participants to pick up the booklets at the Town Engineering Office and return them there in exchange for a Wegmans coupon. Bob has placed posts on most trails for attaching a trail insignia that can be transferred by rubbing to the passport booklet.
- Applefest: George will be contacting volunteers.
- Equipment Maintenance: The trimmer blade needs sharpening or replacing.
- Funding Source: Bob is exploring possible grants for trails maintenance and improvement through the State's Recreational Trails Program.

8:40 p.m. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted, Forest Lyford

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