



## TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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**MONDAY** September 12, 2011  
Northborough Trails Committee  
**Police Station Meeting Room**  
211 Main Street

### *Minutes*

*Attendees: Bob Mihalek, Forest Lyford, Claude Guerlain, Scott Karpuk, Nancy Kellner, Sherral Devine, George Curtis*

7:15 p.m. Bob opened the meeting. Minutes of the July 18, 2011, meeting were accepted as written. The meeting scheduled for August was canceled.

#### Trail Steward Reports:

- Mt. Pisgah: Charlie Bradley reported by email that branches have been cleared from trails on Mt. Pisgah.
- Cold Harbor: Sherral reports that several trees and branches have been removed. Some poison ivy control is needed.
- Jubilee Trail: Forest reports that all is OK there - minimal wind damage.
- Edmund Hill: Forest reports that all trails are OK. One large tree top was removed from the Edmund Hill Trail near the intersection with the Summit Trail. The large pine tree for which the Pine Tree Trail is named fell during the storm.
- Coyote/Bird Song/Old Farm: Claude and Bob report that several trees were removed. One bridge needs leveling; Forest will make the adjustment.
- Stirrup Brook: All branches and trees were removed by the Karpuk boys.
- Watson Park: No report.
- Little Chauncy/Cedar Hill/Sawink: Bob has removed some trees. More effort is needed. Considerable effort is needed with loppers to remove brush that has arched over the Connector Trail near the embankment at the water treatment plant. Bob has communicated with Don Burns, Chairman of the Westborough Trails Committee, on possible assistance on this part of Westborough's Charm Bracelet Trail. Eastern Mountain Sports is looking for a volunteer project, and this may be a prospect for their volunteer effort. Bob will follow up.

#### Old/New Business:

- B.S.A. Eagle Scout Project Updates:
  - A land ownership concern has not been resolved for the Chapin Canal Historical site. Bob has offered to do a GPS survey to assist the Town Engineer resolve the issue. More interpretive information about mills could be added to the new Kiosk.
- Website Update: No report.

- Wegman's Fitness Passport: Bob has placed emblems on posts that he installed along the trails. Wegmans has printed 1,000 copies of the fitness booklet. Bob distributed several booklets at the meeting. Bob led a hike for Wegman's officials on September 10.
- Applefest: George reports that all is in order for the booth and display.
- Funding Source: Bob continues to explore possible grants for trails maintenance and improvement through the State's Recreational Trails Program.
- Nancy Kellner described a "Story Walk" along part of the Stirrup Brook Trail that has been prepared by the Northborough Library. The story will be in place, starting near the upper parking lot near Algonquin H.S., during Applefest weekend and the following weekend.
- George shared some pictures of storm damage by tropical storm Irene near his childhood home in Vermont.

8:30 p.m. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,  
Forest Lyford

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