



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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Northborough Trails Committee Meeting Minutes November 21, 2011

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

7:15 p.m. Bob opened the meeting. Minutes of the October 17, meeting were accepted with one adjustment: Forest Lyford was not in attendance as stated.

Trail Steward Reports:

- Mt. Pisgah: Charlie Bradley reported by email that most branches have been cleared from trails on Mt. Pisgah.
- Cold Harbor: Sherral reports that several trees and branches are down between the open field and the second dam.
- Jubilee Trail: Forest reports that most trees and branches are cleared. Forest has been exploring with the New England Forestry Foundation the possibility of creating an interpretive pamphlet for the Jubilee Trail, focusing on forest characteristics, harvesting practices, and forest regeneration after harvesting.
- Edmund Hill: Forest reports that all trails are largely cleared. One tree along the Goldfinch Trail still needs to be removed. He suggests that the section of Goldfinch Trail through the formerly fenced and remediated area be reestablished.
- Coyote/Bird Song/Old Farm: Trails are largely cleared. Part of the Birdsong Trails needs to be inspected for damage from the snowstorm.
- Stirrup Brook: All branches and trees were removed by the Karpuk family.
- Watson Park: Forest reports that he removed one tree near the pump house. Jim stated that some excavation work is needed along the trail cut into the hillside.
- Little Chauncy/Cedar Hill/Sawink: Marielle reports that most trails are cleared with some isolated problems. Many small trees are down along the Crane Swamp Trail.

Old/New Business:

- Bob will be looking at the possibility of purchasing ethanol-free gasoline for small engines.
- Green Street Property Tour: Bob reported on trail options for the Green Street property as discussed during a visit to the property with the Open Space Committee on November 19, 2011. Marielle suggested meeting with Rawstroms, owners of the adjacent property to the south, to review plans early in the planning process.

- NTC History: George reports that his history of the Trails Committee is essentially done and will be distributed at the Christmas party.
- Christmas Party: George reports that all is in order.

8:30 p.m. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
Forest Lyford