



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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TUESDAY January 17, 2012
Northborough Trails Committee
Police Station Meeting Room

Minutes

*Attendees: Bob Mihalek, Claude Guerlain, Scott Karpuk, Jim Stein,
George Curtis, Marielle Stone, Nancy Kellner*

7:06 p.m. Bob opened the meeting. Minutes of the November 2011 meeting were accepted.

Trail Steward's Discussion:

(Note: Committee discussed proposal by Bob to have the steward reports more in the form of round-table discussion versus the old format of going through each section one-by-one. If there are issues to discuss for a trail, the steward can bring it up. If not, the particular trail may not even get mentioned.)

There are some boards that need to be replaced on the floating bridge on the **Cold Harbor trail**. We discussed waiting for a warm weekend to do the work. Nancy mentioned that 65 families signed the guest log for the story walk at **Edmund Hill** woods and that Laura Brennan (a librarian at the town) would like to do a story walk each month. Claude mentioned that one of the bridges on the **Bird Song** trail needs to have the frayed rope replaced with steel cable to anchor it to a nearby tree. Bob can take care of this soon. We discussed continuing to pursue a new loop on the Ridge Rd. end of the **Watson Park** trail in the spring. There may need to be some mechanical removal of poison ivy near the start of the new loop and a single section of bridge will need to be installed near the outflow of the culvert that goes under Ridge Rd.

Old/New Business:

- Green Street Property Tour: Once sale is final, the NTC would like to invite the Rawstron family to tour the site with us to see the proposed location of the parking area and the general layout of the trail. We need to get the Open Space Committee involved.
- NTC History: Jim would like to post an e-version of George's NTC history document on the website. We'll need to obtain a copy perhaps from Debbie.
- Chapin Canal Historical Site: DPW did a great job clearing out the big trash pile. Eagle scout candidate Harry Silverstein organized a group to go in a hand-pick 17 bags of debris that the heavy machinery from the DPW couldn't retrieve (e.g. many small pieces of aluminum siding). Fred Litchfield plans to arrange a meeting with the NTC and the two adjacent landowners to let them

know that the work is pretty much done and what to expect from visitors. Also, perhaps a “Grand Opening” of the historical site would be nice on Earth Day: Sunday April 22. Plans will need to be made and press releases submitted.

8:20 p.m. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
Chairman Bob Mihalek (Secretary Forest Lyford was absent)