



# TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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**TUESDAY** February 19, 2013  
Northborough Trails Committee  
**Police Station Meeting Room**

## *Minutes*

***Attendees: Bob Mihalek, George Curtis, Mia McDonald, Marielle Stone, Matt Cooper, Claude Guerlain***

7:10 p.m. Bob opened the meeting. Minutes for the November meeting were approved. The town's new Conservation Agent Mia McDonald was introduced to the group as well as Matt Cooper who helped a lot on the Green St. volunteer day.

### Trail Status:

Cold Harbor Brook Trail: Claude reported that clearer trail marking is needed on a stretch of this trail ~1/2 mile from the meadow. When returning towards the parking at Carney Park, there is a well-worn path that forks off on the left that leads to a private residence. The fact that the public trail goes to the right is not well marked, and hikers are too easily led, by the natural contours of the land, to take the wrong route if they are not paying mindful attention

### Projects:

- a) Green St.- once snow melts, two more pedestrian bridges need to be installed and also the parking lot needs to be cleared. Fred Litchfield (Engineering) and Dan Nason (DPW) need to take the lead on the parking lot phase. Once the parking lot is done, the area can be accessed by all users.
- b) MWRA Aqueduct-permit application is completed and has the approval of all required town groups (Selectmen, Police, Fire). Waiting for response from MWRA on licensing, road crossings, and trail signage.
- c) Eagle Scout projects: bog bridge installation on bottom part of Bennett trail and Assabet park trail projects both waiting for snow melt to resume activity.
- d) Tri-town conservation project: Mia explained a new effort to the group about a project she's working on with Berlin and Boylston to preserve larger parcels of land in the Mt. Pisgah region. If 500 acres can be identified, a funding mechanism called the Landscape Partnership Grant can be used to help secure easements and purchase land.
- e) Applefest- George is working on a banner for the NTC table at Applefest. In years past, we had no identification at our table, which led a lot of people to ask who we were and what we did. The banner will accomplish this goal and allow us to spend more time talking about the trails with the visitors. We decided on a 6 foot long by 2 foot high vinyl banner with grommets to secure it to the table.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Mihalek, Chairman (recorded Minutes due to Forest Lyford (Secretary) absence)

CC Town Clerk; Town Administrator; Conservation Commission