



# TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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**MONDAY** April 15, 2013  
Northborough Trails Committee  
**Police Station Meeting Room**

## *Minutes*

*Attendees: Bob Mihalek, Forest Lyford, George Curtis, Jim Stein, Marielle Stone*

7:05 p.m. Bob opened the meeting and asked for a moment of silence to honor bombing victims at today's Boston Marathon.

Minutes for the March meeting were approved.

### Trail Status:

No problems reported. Committee members discussed maintenance efforts by non-committee members as a follow-up to discussions during the March meeting. Committee members welcome efforts by other volunteers, but encourage coordination through the Trails Committee or Town offices so efforts can be properly monitored and documented.

### Projects:

- a) Proposed Trolley Trail: Bob Mihalek, Marielle Stone, Forest Lyford, and George Bender attended a meeting in Shrewsbury on April 10 to hear plans for a possible walking/biking trail along a former trolley line that approximately parallels Route 9. The trail would cross Route 20 near the traffic lights at Northborough Crossings. Plans are being developed mainly by Don Burn, Westborough Trails Committee.
- b) Hop Brook Area: Bob Mihalek Charlie Bradley met with Fred Litchfield, Kathy Joubert and State officials with the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to discuss the possibility of developing trails in the Hop Brook Area. Possible actions by DCR in the near future include (1) consulting with Licensed Site Professionals (LSPs) about the threats caused by the former salvage yard on the site and (2) determine the need for "No Trespassing" signs based on reviews by LSPs.
- c) Assabet Park Eagle Scout project: Marielle has discussed possible work days with Chris Lang, Eagle Scout Candidate. She will suggest a workday on May 4 when adults would work in the morning with power equipment and joined in the afternoon by scouts. An alternate date would be on May 5. The committee discussed the possibility of eventually creating a more park-like setting by removing dead brush throughout the park area.
- d) Green Street Conservation Area: Bob reports that plans have been formulated by the Town Engineer for a parking area. The committee suggests that the parking area include space for a viewing platform that might eventually include a picnic table or bench. Bob will discuss plans with the town engineer.
- e) Floating Bridge, Cold Harbor Trail: Bob has explored sources of replacement planks. He will also explore possible treatment options to prolong the lifetime of the planks.
- f) Lower Bennett Trail: Bob reports that bridges have been constructed and transported to the trail head. He will help coordinate placement of the bridges with the Eagle Scout candidate.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Forest Lyford, Recording Secretary.

CC Town Clerk; Town Administrator; Conservation Commission