



# TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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**MONDAY** May 20, 2013  
Northborough Trails Committee  
**Police Station Meeting Room**

## *Minutes*

*Attendees: Bob Mihalek, Forest Lyford, Nancy Kellner, Jim Stein, Marielle Stone, Matt Cooper*

**Guests: Debra and Sam Hersh; George and Colin Price**

7:05 p.m. Bob opened the meeting.

Minutes for the April meeting were approved.

### Trail Status:

Matt reports that trees are down on the Fisher and Vernal Pool trails on Mt. Pisgah. Bob will try to remove the trees within the next week.

Bob reports that trail stewards are needed for the Yellick area trails and the Stirrup Brook Trail. Nancy Kellner volunteered as steward for the Olde Farm Trail. Sam Hersh volunteered as steward for the Bird Song Trail. Andrew Petlock had previously volunteered as steward for the Stirrup Brook Trail.

### Projects:

- a) Potential Eagle Scout Project: Colin Price proposes improvements to the board walks on the Cold Harbor Trail near Green Street as part of an Eagle Scout project. Bob will review his proposal. After his review, he may suggest expanding the project to include replacement of planks on the floating bridge.
- b) Assabet Park Eagle Scout project: Trail construction is largely complete. One hanging branch over the trail needs to be removed. Forest will help Chris Lang and other scouts construct a kiosk this coming weekend.
- c) Green Street Conservation Area: Plans are still in progress for a parking area. Matt can provide a pickup truck to move bridges to a wet area on the east side of the meadow. The trail across the meadow will need mowing soon. Bob reviewed the trail network and blocked one connecting trail that is redundant. He reports that poison ivy is a major problem along most of the trails. A map and trail names are needed.
- d) Lower Bennett Trail: Bob reports that bridges are largely in place. Some additional work is needed to fill some gaps.
- e) Hop Brook Area: The state will send a crew sometime in the near future to remove trash. Bob is studying parking alternatives, including one state-owned land parcel on Davis Street.
- f) MWRA Aqueduct Trail: On May 7, Bob walked part of the proposed trail with MWRA and Town officials. Plans are to open the aqueduct trail in three phases: Phase I, Route 20 to Cedar Hill Trail; Phase II, Rice Avenue to near Berlin Town line; Phase III, Aqueduct Bridge over the Assabet River. Phase III will require considerable planning and funding to make the bridge accessible to hikers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Forest Lyford, Recording Secretary.

CC Town Clerk; Town Administrator; Conservation Commission