



# TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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**MONDAY** June 17, 2013  
Northborough Trails Committee  
**Police Station Meeting Room**

## *Minutes*

*Attendees: Bob Mihalek, Nancy Kellner Claude Geurlain, Marielle Stone, George Curtis*

7:05 p.m. Bob opened the meeting. Minutes for the May meeting were approved.

### Trail Status:

- 1) Marielle stated that the loppers in the equipment trailer are in bad shape. This was discovered when she was out at Little Chauncy trail with the mower. Also, the large fuel can that was in the trailer is missing. Bob has an extra c 5 gallon can at home that can be used for NTC fuel storage. Also, Bob will take loppers home to sharpen. Marielle also mentioned that there poison ivy at the new Assabet Park Trail. Bob will spray. (Note: PI sprayed on 6/21).
- 2) Areas mowed so far: Little Chauncy Trail, Green St. Meadow Trail, Stirrup Brook Trail (meadow section).
- 3) Kathy received call from concerned resident that Old Farm needs to be mowed. The section of Old Farm that needs to be mowed is difficult to access. Ideally, a 4x4 truck could tow the equipment trailer along the border of the field, but NTC doesn't have access to a 4x4.

### Projects:

- a) Potential Eagle Scout Project: Colin Price- trail improvements on Cold Harbor Trail. Bob walked trail with Colin Price and his father. Inspected floating bridge and determined that the 15 planks (each 2"x10"x16') need to be replaced. Cross members and pontoons are in good shape. Round head carriage bolts with nuts and lock washers will be used to replace coarse-threaded lag screws. Improvements will also be made on old-style plank bridges in the Cherry St. meadow.
- b) Assabet Park Eagle Scout project: Trail construction is complete. Poison ivy was sprayed on 6/21. Picnic table materials were purchased and Chris Lang will construct a picnic table for the site.
- c) Green Street Conservation Area: Plans are still in progress for a parking area. Committee discussed two naming topics: individual trail names and also a name for entire the area. We concluded that naming the entire area is perhaps best accomplished at a higher ranking committee whereas our group could focus on naming the trails. Bob and Matt installed two bridges on 6/23.
- d) Lower Bennett Trail: Eagle project done. New board walks are in place. Bob and Matt discovered on 6/23 that a recent storm brought a tree down on the new boardwalks. This will be removed soon.
- e) Hop Brook Area: Trash removal from 1950s automobile salvage yard is complete. Bob reports that the next steps may involve moving the No Trespassing signs to the immediate area surrounding the old salvage yard. Perhaps then permission will be granted for opening the area to passive recreation.
- f) MWRA Aqueduct Trail: Town received completed m(8) license from MWRA to allow passive recreational activities on the surface of the aqueduct. Bob noted that he's not sure what the next steps are. NTC volunteers still hopeful for opening phase I of the aqueduct (From route 20 to the Cedar Hill Trail network) this year.
- g) Applefest- George reports that the fee has been paid. Also, George unveiled a prototype banner for the NTC booth (beautifully designed by Debbie Gampietro). All in attendance agreed that the banner was superb. We decided to have two banners made and to have grommets on the corners for easy attachment to the table and also slots cut to vent wind to prevent tearing. Committee also discussed purchasing a 10x10 pop-up tent to use at Applefest and also during big trail maintenance projects, but lamented that storage of such an item may be difficult.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Mihalek, NTC Chairman (Forest Lyford, Recording Secretary, on vacation).

CC Town Clerk; Town Administrator; Conservation Commission