



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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Monday May 16, 2016
Northborough Trails Committee

Police Station Meeting Room

Minutes

Attendees: Bob Mihalek, Brian Belfer, Marielle Stone, George Curtis, Forest Lyford, Sherral Devine, Jim Stein

7:10 p.m. Bob opened the meeting.

Minutes for the January, February, March, and April 2016 meetings were approved.

Maintenance topics & updates:

- The availability of funds for trails maintenance is not clearly known. Committee members will seek clarification from Kathy Joubert during her planned visit for the June meeting.
- Bob has discussed possible projects along trails with two Eagle Scout candidates and a possible project for Cub Scouts with an adult leader. Proposed improvements of the Coyote and Little Chauncy Trails would need approval by the Conservation Commission. Improvements to the Little Chauncy Trail would also need approval by Mass Wildlife.

New Projects/updates:

- Bob reports no further progress on Hop Brook parking area on Davis St. Marielle suggested proceeding with plans for a trail regardless of construction of the parking area.
- The possibility of a dog park at the former town dump on Southwest Cutoff was discussed. Members noted that Carney Park and associated Cold Harbor Trail is the town's de facto dog park.
- Sherral observed on a land-ownership map that some town-owned property abuts the New England Forestry Foundation property where a loop may be possible off of the Jubilee Trail.
- Sherral also asked if it would be possible to build a walkway across the wetland from the Tall Grass Trail to the Old Farm Trail. The difficulty of building and maintaining a trail in this flood-control area was discussed.

Other topics:

Bob reminded committee members of a Facebook page, Northborough Trail Travelers, where hikers can post observations and comments about our trails.

8:20 p.m. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
Forest Lyford, Recording Secretary