



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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TUESDAY February 16, 2016
Northborough Trails Committee
Police Station Meeting Room

Minutes

Attendees: Bob Mihalek, Forest Lyford, Marielle Stone, Jim Stein
New Attendees: Mike McDonnell, Mike & Julianne Hirsh

7:00 p.m. Bob opened the meeting.

Maintenance topics & updates:

- No maintenance updates this month.

New Projects/updates:

- No new projects discussed this month.

Other topics to discuss:

- The Hirsh's attended tonight's meeting to raise awareness of the commercial-scale composting operation occurring near the Mt. Pisgah trails. They commented that the composting operation is impacting their enjoyment of the trails due to the strong odor and increased presence of birds and rodents. Also, Howard Brook is near the composting operation and there may be an impact on water quality. The Committee acknowledged their concerns and forwarded their thoughts to town officials.
- Mr. McDonnell attended to ask a few questions about trash disposal. He has voluntarily been collecting trash along the Assabet River, Yellick parking area and the Coyote Trail. Mr. McDonnell has found beaver snares and barbed wire along the Assabet River and reported the snares to the NPD. We believe that trash collected along the trails and at trailhead parking areas can be brought to the DPW yard for disposal. The Committee thanked Mike for his efforts.

8:10 p.m. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
Chairman Bob Mihalek (temporarily serving as recording secretary)