



# TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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**MONDAY** April 19, 2016  
Northborough Trails Committee  
**Police Station Meeting Room**

## *Minutes*

*Attendees: Bob Mihalek, Brian Belfer, Forest Lyford, Jim Stein*

7:11 p.m. Bob opened the meeting.

### Maintenance topics & updates:

- Bob discussed an attempted short-term repair on the floating bridge at the Cold Harbor Trail. The boards are bowed down into the water, so an attempt was made to flip a board over so that the bowed part was now up out of the water. The problem was that the bolt holes did not properly align so the flipped over board could not be fastened. The group discussed a pending Eagle scout project to fix the bridge by spacing the pontoons 12 feet on center instead of the current 16 feet and then installing bridge decks instead of planks to span the gap between pontoons.
- Brian removed several dead branches and tree hazards from the Edmund Hill woods trails.
- Forest reported that he has hiked all the trails and street connections listed in the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration historical hikes and everything is accurate.

### New Projects/updates:

- During a discussion about the floating bridge on the Cold Harbor trail, Bob mentioned that an Eagle Scout candidate wants to go forward with this repair as his Eagle project.

### Other topics to discuss:

- A “spur” trail was discovered off of the Jubilee Trail that runs parallel to Crawford St. and has a well-established tread along with newly installed trail bridges. This was not an effort any of us were part of and may actually cross through parcels of private property.
- Bob mentioned that we may get a small budget allowance starting for fiscal year 2017.
- Town clean up this year will happen Saturday, April 30, 2016  
7:45 am -10:00 am. People can meet at Melican Middle School to pick up gloves, bags and assignments. Trails Committee members will try to focus on cleaning up areas around our trailheads and trailhead parking areas.

7:45 p.m. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,