

TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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<u>Monday</u> June 20, 2016 Northborough Trails Committee <u>Police Station Meeting Room</u>

Minutes

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

7:01 p.m. Bob opened the meeting.

Guests were introduced: Paul Gallagher, Julianne and Michael Hirsh, and Andrew and Andrew Laurence.

Minutes for the May 16, 2016, were not distributed to members prior to the meeting so will be acted on at the next meeting.

Maintenance topics & updates:

- Paul Gallagher reports that permission has been granted by the town for installation of a cell
 tower at Carney Park. Installation will probably be in the next couple of months. Access to the
 parking area will not be possible for 2 or 3 days during clearing of trees and during installation
 of a water line for maintenance of the planned gardens. He reports that the parking lot is often
 filled. Bob will approach the American Legion to see if their lot could be available for parking
 during the short period of construction.
- Julianne and Michael Hirsh reported that the Davidian Brothers asked that a trail that crosses their property in the Mt. Pisgah trail system not be used. The trail in question is not officially part of the trail network and is not maintained by the Trails Committee. Posting of no trespassing signs would be the responsibility of the landowner.
- The Hirsh's also expressed concerns about overnight camping and fires, which commonly occur at the end of the school year. Bob will review town bylaws relating to use of conservation lands, but those at the meeting thought that conservation lands typically close at sundown. A sign might be appropriate.
- Bob and Forest have done some routine maintenance on trails during the last month.

New Projects/updates:

• Plans for upgrades to the floating bridge on the Cold Harbor Trail were discussed with Andrew Laurence, Eagle Scout candidate. The work will have to be done this summer because the agerestriction requirement for Eagle Scouts. Bob is working closely with Andrew on this project.

Other topics:

Brian displayed a draft of business-type card that could be carried by committee members and distributed.

8:10 p.m. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted, Forest Lyford, Recording Secretary

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