



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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Wednesday January 18, 2017
Northborough Trails Committee
Town Hall, Selectmen's Meeting Room

Minutes

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

Guests: Melanie Magee, Lon and Martha Maletta representing the Shrewsbury Trails Committee; Pam Pollan.

7:05 p.m. Bob opened the meeting.

Guests from the Shrewsbury Trails Committee were introduced.

Kathy Joubert, Northborough Town Planner and liason to the Trails Committee, led discussions related to the closure of trails on Wildlife Management Areas as requested by MassWildlife in a policy statement dated August 23, 2016. Kathy reports that requirements for closing the trails in Northborough are still unclear. The town administrator has advised that bridges and trail blazes be left in place. The Town plans to respond to the policy statement along with other affected towns with a letter to Matthew Beaton, Secretary, Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. Meanwhile, Kathy will draft a letter for review by the Northborough Trails Committee to the director of MassWildlife expressing concerns and seeking clarification on the new policy statement.

Kathy also reports that discussions are continuing with adjoining towns on construction of a Borough's Trail. A map showing a possible connection to the Old Farm Trail from Marlborough across Boundary Street was provided.

Kathy also distributed three maps showing several Town properties that are planned for transfer to the Conservation Commission to be managed as open space. The transfer of properties must be approved at Town Meeting. Parts of the Cold Harbor Trail are on two of the properties.

Bob reports that the Community Preservation Act Committee has approved a request for trails-maintenance funds, subject to approval at the Town Meeting.

8:45 p.m. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
Forest Lyford, Recording Secretary