



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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Monday November 20, 2017

Northborough Trails Committee

Northborough Police Station Meeting Room

Minutes

Attendees: Brian Belfer, George Curtis, Forest Lyford, Jim Stein, Jim Klinkenberg

Visitor: Jane Walsh

7:05 p.m. Brian opened the meeting as acting chairman for Bob Mihalek.

Minutes for the meeting on October 16, 2017 were approved.

Forest reported that he, Bob Mihalek, and Norm Corbin (Northborough Conservation Commission) met with three representatives of the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA) on Friday, November 17 to discuss the placement of 2 signs that describe the history of the Wachusett Aqueduct. We collectively agreed that the signs should be placed on the east side of the Bartlett Street crossing near Stirrup Brook and at the entrance to the Edmund Woods parking lot on Rice Ave. Norm and Forest also discussed placement of about 10 placards along the aqueduct between Route 20 and Bartlett St. near Cedar Hill St. that will show pictures taken during aqueduct construction in the 1890's at those locations. It was agreed that the portable placards would be placed after seasonal maintenance of the aqueduct is completed in early December.

Forest reported that a regular user of the Edmund Woods trails recently removed some trees that had fallen across the trail. (*post hoc* comment by Bob Mihalek: Some of these trees appeared to have been dragged across the trail on purpose by a local resident.)

Jane Walsh gave an update on her evolving plans that would study the behaviors of dog walkers on recreation trails. She distributed a draft questionnaire addressed to dog walkers for feedback by members of the Trails Committee.

The committee decided to hold the annual Christmas party on Monday, December 18. Forest will reserve the Historical Society facility again for this year's party. Committee members will seek volunteers to bring refreshments.

8:10 p.m. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
Forest Lyford, Recording Secretary