

Carlisle Trails Committee
Report of January 6, 2007 Meeting
Secretary, Bert Willard

Attendance: Henry Cox, George Fardy, Marc Lamere, Kevin Smith, Steve Tobin, Louise Hara, Bert Willard. Guests Sylvia Willard, Amy Jolly, Doug Stevenson.

Old Business

Minutes from previous meeting:

The minutes for the December meeting were approved as written.

Old Morse Road “bridge the flood” culvert project:

Steve and Henry reported the water level was still about 2 inches below the top of the culvert.

Sylvia said George Senkler has told her his plan is to finish the project next summer by temporarily removing the beaver dam.

Louise reported Carl Hanscom is concerned that over topping of the culvert could cause a wash out.

Cross Street development path update:

Louise reported that outcrop grinding is in progress.

Conservation Cluster plan for Howe land off Rutland St.:

Steve reminded the committee of the Planning Board meeting on Monday, January 8, 8:30 pm.

Trails Committee members will finish the walk of the property on Sunday at 9:00 am, meeting at Marc’s house.

Fields Pond Foundation thank-you letter:

Steve has this on his list of action items.

Follow-up to Great Meadows reporting of volunteer hours:

Henry reported having sent in his hours for October.

Report on beavers at O’Rourke and barbed wire removal:

Steve reported that someone has broken out the dam in the middle of the boardwalk causing flooding across the boardwalk. He attempted to rebuild the breach but it was not up to the beaver standards.

The pipes are still flowing but can’t keep up with the demand. The boardwalk is under water today according to Henry.

Planning for Foss Farm Boardwalk:

According to measurements by Steve and George, 100 feet of new bridge is required in addition to the existing bridge. A discussion of what to use for the base ensued. The present bridge is on telephone poles. Possible bases were telephone poles, cement bumpers, and helicoils (very expensive). At least four bumpers in water are required.

The bridge needs to be high in case beavers move in, and it needs to be horse worthy (6-feet wide with railings).

New printing of trail maps:

Ferns is buying 25 copies every 3 months according to Marc.

It was agreed to do another printing of the existing book. A motion was passed to allow Louise to reprint 200-500, depending upon price breaks.

New Business

Idea for Trails Patch:

Doug Stevenson presented his proposal for a "Carlisle 30 Miler Award." The purpose of the award would be "To expand interest and awareness of Carlisle's public lands by encouraging residents to use many of Carlisle's hiking trails." The award plan would be sponsored by the Trails Committee. Doug handed out a one-page list of items to consider; including qualifications to receive the award and nature of the award (patch? certificate?). Doug left us with words of encouragement to consider the plan (keep administration simple, low cost, multiple levels).

Letter from CCTV:

Steve received a letter from Court Booth, President CCTV, asking if the Trails Committee could use their training, etc. to learn how to cover our meetings. No response will be made at this time.

Cranberry Bog night walk on January 27:

Sylvia will e-mail the Chelmsford Conscom inviting them to join us and will ask the Carlisle Conscom for permission to use the bog after dark. Bert will get a notice into the Mosquito.

Dessert Party January 28:

Steve extended an invitation to the Trails Committee to his annual dessert party on January 28.

Schedule trail work days?

No work days were scheduled.

Other New Business:

Steve received a reminder to turn in the Trails Committee annual report for the town annual report. We presently have \$2025 in the revolving account.

Kevin commented that the Trails Committee does not use the town website, although there is space available. Kevin will ask the town administrator how to post items on our webpage.

Schedule next meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, February 2.