

Carlisle Trails Committee
Report of June 8, 2007 Meeting
Secretary, Bert Willard

Attendance: Henry Cox, George Fardy, Louise Hara, Marc Lamere, Kevin Smith, Steve Tobin, Bert Willard. Guest Sylvia Willard.

Old Business

Minutes from previous meeting:

The minutes for the May meeting were approved as amended (spelling).

Old Morse Road culvert project:

It was reported that because of the high water due to the beaver dam, the trail is washing out on either side of the culvert.

Cross Street development path update:

Louise reported walking the trail with Bill Costello to see the points that will have to be moved for various reasons. The town engineer has been shown the changes.

There is a trail easement on the back side of three lots on the west side of Cross Street. We need to schedule a day to flag a trail.

Conservation Cluster plan for Howe land off Rutland St.:

No news was forthcoming.

Great Meadows reporting of volunteer hours:

Louise will do the mowing before the River Trail walk on June 17.

The small boardwalks need staking and wiring to prevent floating away in high water.

The rope in the "Tobin" upper level bridge needs replacing.

Report On Bartlett Farm boardwalk:

The unused blanks and bumpers will be removed on Sunday.

Marc will collate all bills and present the total at the next meeting.

Planning for Foss Farm Boardwalk:

Various ideas were discussed.

From a state engineer George learned that to pound in posts a crane would have to get within 40 feet, thus into the wetland.

With the 8-foot width, steel posts likely would not take the load compared to the River Trail bridge.

What about culverts to support the boardwalk; concrete, double or triple-walled plastic piping with honeycomb spacing, thick-walled plastic?

Sylvia reminded the committee of "Category 1." Any time a project is submitted to the DEP they first look to see if it meets Category 1. Sylvia will print out a copy of Category 1.

Web Site Update:

Kevin reported all the trail maps are now on line and accessible to everyone. He does not plan on doing much more with the web site until we to use the GIS.

Trekker Award update:

Steve and Marc have done some fine tuning of the patch design. They want to use gold instead of silver. Marc will draw up a design for the next meeting.

Planning for Riverfest walk June 17:

Louise will leave her car at the Greenough parking lot for those who want to cut the walk short.

Old Home Day:

A discussion of staffing the booth was undertaken. Louise sets up about 8:00. Others volunteered to fill in the time. Louise offered some mystery photos. Bert and Louise will coordinate the effort. Bert is to mount the Trekker Award announcement on poster board.

The double sundae Sunday walk was discussed. Steve will try to get the State Park interpreter to talk to us.

Water drainage from abutter on Blood Farm Trail:

Tim Silva (TTOR) will meet with Tim Fohl and Liz Loutrel (Stewardship Committee) next Wednesday at 10:00 to inspect the water drainage problem.

New Business

Schedule trail work days:

No work days were scheduled.

Any other new business:

George reported the State Park superintendent does not want the Trails Committee clearing trails at the State Park, the reason was not clear.

Schedule next meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, July 6.