

Carlisle Trails Committee
Report of December 7, 2007 Meeting
Secretary, Bert Willard

Attendance: Henry Cox, George Fardy, Louise Hara, Kevin Smith, Steve Tobin, Bert Willard.
Guests Sylvia Willard, Kelly Guarino.

Old Business

Minutes from previous meeting:

The minutes for the November meeting were approved as corrected (typos).

Old Morse Road:

There was nothing new reported.

Cross Street development path update:

As reported by Sylvia, the Stalker conservation restriction abutting the town land acquired from the Cross Street development has been recorded at the Registry of Deeds.

Great Meadows.

No work was reported done in the last month.

Hanover Hill Subdivision paths:

Henry reported receiving an e-mail from Rob West requesting a letter to the Planning Board on Monday, December 10, stating the committee's position on the plan for trails. It was moved to have Henry compose a letter to Rob covering: note of extensive wetlands on the parcels being offered, feasibility of a trail and appropriate locations, and requesting site visits to confirm the proposed trail location.

The committee will meet Saturday at noon to walk the proposed site.

Chris Bojanic: Prospect Street Eagle Scout bridge project:

Nothing new was reported.

Boardwalks completed last month:

With the grateful help of town volunteers, the short boardwalk on the trail to Bingham Rd. on the Towle property was built on November 4 and the long boardwalk on the Davis Corridor was completed on November 11. Numerous positive comments were made of the experiences.

Thanksgiving trail walk summary (23 November):

No comments were heard.

Trail work last month:

The rope on the "Tobin" bridge on Great Meadows had broken. Kevin replaced it with the same type of rope but with more slack this time.

Henry and Steve replaced the rotting decking on the 8-foot long boardwalk on the trail to Bingham Rd. on the Towle property.

Henry, Matt, and Erin Cox built the short boardwalk on Greenough gap.
Henry replaced the broken boards on the Greenough River Trail boardwalk.

New Business

Second Trekkor Award Winner:

Kelly Guarino presented her Trekkor Log and Carlisle Trails guide showing all the required trails marked and dated. A distance runner, Kelly ran all the trails between the end of July and early October. So she is the first person to win the award "on the run." The certificate and patch will be presented at a later meeting.

Davis Corridor management plan:

No comments worthy of note were made.

Vandalism at Greenough – how to prevent?

No workable solutions to prevent paint vandalism on our signs was heard.

CPA funding – new round of applications:

With about \$10K of funding still remaining, it was agreed that the committee should not apply for more funding at this time.

Materials inventory:

Henry presented the following inventory of the materials we have in the Fish and Wildlife barn.

Hi Bert - here is my count, for unrestricted (peanut-butter) material which we used on town projects.

We should replenish the material from CPA purchased lumber on our next order.

2 - concrete bumpers (the ones we rescued from the swamp, near Prospect St.

34 - 2"x6"x4' pressure treated (deck)

3 - 2"x10"x12' pressure treated (joists)

6 - 2"x10"x4' pressure treated (end-caps, I guess?)

Trail work:

Following a discussion no work was planned for the Rogers Road-to-Banta Davis trail.

Trail walk this month?

A night walk from Foss Farm to Greenough (and back) was set for Saturday 19, 2008.

Boardwalk labeling:

Steve proposed that we name boardwalks by year of construction, in the order that they were built. The first boardwalk next year would be 2008-1 (or 2008A). It would then be less confusing to talk about locations for trail walks, repairs, etc.

It was further suggested to carve the label into the deck board at either end of each bridge – much like NEMBA has done for their boardwalks in Great Brook State Park.

Other new business:

There was no other business.

Schedule next meeting:

The next meeting was set for Friday, January 4, 2008.