Carlisle Trails Committee Report of September 5, 2008 Meeting Steve Tobin, acting Secretary

Attendance: Henry Cox, Steve Tobin, Louise Hara, Marc Lamere, Kevin Smith. Guests: Dejan Bojanic, Andrew Wilmot.

Old Business

Review and approve minutes from August:

The minutes for the August meeting were approved with minor corrections.

West Street/Applegrove boardwalk:

The developer filed an RDA with the ConsCom for the boardwalk. It will be heard at an upcoming meeting.

Wild and Scenic River small grant – Greenough Bridge:

Henry filled out the RDA form, with maps from Kevin and advice from Sylvia. Henry met yesterday with the Billerica Conscom administrator, Marcus Pinney, who suggested one change – stating the whole project is in the wetlands, so no delineation is needed. The neighbor notification will be very expensive, with 42 abutters. Design of the bridge was discussed at length, particularly the method of support, foot rails, and cross bracing. Marc will check on the width requirement of ADA.

Scout projects:

Henry sent letters to local Girl Scout leaders asking if there was interest in doing trail projects; no response yet.

CRAC Committee:

No one volunteered to take the position on the CRAC Committee set aside for a Trails Committee member.

Trail work last month:

Kevin reported clearing several downed trees: at O'Rourke near the Woodward property, at Malcolm Meadows, and at the Bingham entrance to Towle.

New Business

Kevin's latest maps:

The group went over Kevin's latest digital maps of Towle, Greenough, Foss and South Carlisle, congratulating him on how great they look. Kevin agreed to try adding shading to forested areas and remove it from fields, and to increase the darkness of contour lines.

Material inventory:

Marc updated the inventory of lumber and hardware. Henry suggested adding columns to separate purchases from CPA funds and the revolving fund, and Marc agreed to do that. The Trails Committee is still owed reimbursement from the Pathways Committee for purchases related to the Ansara bridge.

Davis Corridor boardwalk construction:

A motion was made to approve the purchase of lumber and supplies, up to \$7,500, for the Catbriar Trail boardwalk, from the CPA fund. It was seconded and unanimously approved. Steve will order the materials. The schedule is: Sept. 6 – measure and flag bumper locations. September 13 - do the foundation work (i.e. bumpers). September 20 - do wood cutting and hauling to site. September 27 - do the actual construction. Rain dates are the Sundays of those weekends.

Steve is to submit press releases to the Mosquito for the September 12, 19, and 26 issues, and get the word to the high school volunteer program.

Schedule next meeting:

The next meeting was set for Friday, October 3, 2008.