

Carlisle Trails Committee  
Report of October 3, 2008 Meeting  
Bert Willard, Secretary

Attendance: Henry Cox, George Fardy, Steve Tobin, Louise Hara, Marc Lamere, Bert Willard.  
Guests: Sylvia Willard, Dejan Bojanic, Andrew Wilmot.

**Old Business**

**Review and approve minutes from September:**

The minutes for the September meeting were approved as written.

**Old Morse Road:**

Sylvia reported that the rock facing has been completed and rocks have been cemented on top. She also reported that there was money left from that donated to fund the culvert. This led to a discussion of whether the money could be spend to repair the trail south of the culvert up to the end of Ember Lane. The thought is to lay down gravel along the upper trail bed to prevent water from Ember Lane eroding the trail. Members are to meet Saturday at 5:00 pm to examine the options.

**Greenough Bridge:**

With the help of Erin and Matt, Henry prepared and sent out 29 abutter's notices for a hearing at the Billerica Conservation Committee. There is no filing fee, but the Post Office fee and Staples bill came to \$184.82. Since these fees are not covered under the grant, a motion was unanimously passed to reimburse Henry from the Trails Book revolving account.

**Trail Work Last Month:**

Steve reported that Kevin had taken out several trees at Great Meadows. He also reported several trees are down in the Davis Corridor and need to be removed. There are also trees down across trails in Estabrook Woods, Concord and should be removed.

A motion was passed to reimburse Louise \$222.76 for three days of coffee and doughnuts, and lunches for the Catbrier Trail boardwalk built in September, from the Trails Book revolving account.

A motion was passed to reimburse Sylvia \$47.45 for two days of coffee and doughnuts for the Catbrier Trail boardwalk built in September, from the Trails Book revolving account.

A motion was passed to reimburse Henry \$26.62 for materials for the Catbrier Trail boardwalk built in September, from the Trails Book revolving account.

A motion was passed to reimburse Henry \$176.94 for the Cabela's lumber carrier, from the Trails Book revolving account. The carrier proved to be a big help in hauling 12-foot joists to the Catbrier Trail boardwalk site. We look forward to using it on future projects.

## **New Business**

### **Boardwalk Naming:**

Steve made the suggestion that the new boardwalk on the Catbrier Trail be named for Hal Schneider to commemorate his routing of a huge number of trail signs.

### **Slippery Boardwalks:**

Louise brought up the problem that some of our boardwalks have become slippery when wet on the sloping ends to the point of being a hazard. After much discussion it was agreed to experiment with nailing wood slats on the sloping ends. George offered some ACQ lattice for the job.

### **Material inventory:**

Marc is to revisit the barn to update the inventory of lumber and hardware.

### **Trail Walk this month:**

It was decided to have a mushroom walk and Louise will ask Kay Fayweather if she would lead it.

### **Bridge Damage:**

Bert reported having repaired the arched bridge on the Spencer Brook Trail. A tree had fallen in the deck, breaking the railing. No damage was done to the decking.

### **Conservation Coffee:**

Sylvia announced that the Foss Farm Baseline Assessment Report will be discussed at the Conservation Coffee on October 14.

### **Spalding Field – Banta Davis:**

Steve reported that Jeff Bloomfield wants to talk to the Trails Committee about a new bridge between Spalding Field and Banta Davis.

### **Schedule next meeting:**

The next meeting was set for Friday, November 7, 2008.