

Carlisle Trails Committee
Report of November 6, 2009 Meeting
Bert Willard, Secretary

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

Guests: Sylvia Willard, Wayne Davis, Charlene and Steve Hinton.

Old Business:

Review and approve minutes:

The minutes for the October 2 meeting were approved as amended (typo).

Hanover Hill Trails:

Marc will give a supply list to Rob West for an estimated 200 feet of boardwalk.

Greenough plaque:

The plaque has not been ordered yet.

New Map Book:

Advantage was taken of Steve Hinton and Wayne Davis's presence to discuss how CCF might work with the Trails Committee on publishing the new trail guide. They suggested we prepare a specific plan and submit it in a letter to CCF. CCF will consider how they would like to appear in the new trail guide; for example, add a page of CCF history, show CCF property in different color.

Boardwalk and Trail Work:

Sixteen volunteers showed up to cut the Benfield E trail on October 24. The name of "Twin Peaks" was suggested for the trail.

The repair of the Piggery Road boardwalk needs to be completed.

The Greenough walk had 24 walkers.

Tim Lamere's trailcutting on Greystone had 30 volunteers.

New Business:

Feasibility Study for a Bisbee-Benfield Connection:

Acting as CCF representatives, Steve Hinton and Wayne Davis gave a presentation based on the desire of CCF to celebrate their 50th anniversary by doing a big project. This would be a long boardwalk across Spencer Brook that would connect the Bisbee and Benfield properties. CRAC had requested a survey to determine the easement boundary, and CCF had it done and paid for. Using maps and an aerial photo Steve pointed out that the easement was not exactly as shown on the map.

As an alternative, Steve suggested it might be possible to place the boardwalk on town land instead of the trail easement, making it further from the house that has a direct view to at least part of the easement. A guess was made by a committee member that the total length might be about 500 feet. The major problem is that the entire length is underwater most of the year.

The current thinking is that the best way to anchor such a structure is with helical coil technology. Steve has obtained a preliminary estimate of \$30,000 for 300 feet of boardwalk. This includes only 2 helical coil posts every 10 feet including labor (\$500/post). It does not include the boardwalk itself.

Further points were brought up during the discussion. For example the boardwalk should be 3 feet above the 100-year flood level, railings would be needed, and there needs to be one or two pull outs for wildlife viewing.

Missing Rocks on Stalker Property:

There was a discussion of what to do to prevent more rocks from disappearing. Kevin will contact Mr. Stalker to find out what he would like to do on his property.

Ethics Exam:

Charlene Hinton handed out to each Trails Committee member a new state mandated online ethics program that should be completed by the end of the year. She also handed out to each member the revised "Town of Carlisle Committee Handbook."

CPA Funding:

Kevin reminded members that our original CPA funding, which was first applied for in January 2005, will expire in January 2010. We have until June 2010 to spend the remaining \$3483. Kevin suggested buying materials with the remaining funds.

A new proposal needs to be completed by February, 2010, and Marc volunteered to prepare it based on the original one.

Any other new business:

Kevin reported our current financial condition:

Trails book revolving account:	\$3064.09
Grant account:	\$955.51
CPA:	\$3583.75

It was voted to reimburse Henry \$8.96 for bolts to repair the Piggery Road boardwalk, to be paid for from the Trails Book account.

It was voted to authorize Steve to purchase one can of new trail markers, spending up to a total of \$100.00.

It was decided to have a town walk the day after Thanksgiving, starting in the state park at 1:00 pm and walking up into Chelmsford.

Schedule next meeting:

The next meeting was set for Friday, December 4, 2009.