

Carlisle Trails Committee
Report of March 5, 2010 Meeting
Bert Willard, Secretary

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

Guests: Sylvia Willard, David Freedman.

Old Business:

Review and approve minutes:

The minutes for the February 5 meeting were approved as amended (typos).

Greenough Plaque:

The plaque has been completed and it was shown by Henry.

It was voted to reimburse Henry for \$35.00 out of the River Stewardship Council Grant.

Map Book:

Using the digital projector, Dave Freedman showed the first draft of all the text and maps as they could appear in the final book. This is the first time that text and maps have been brought together. Dave gave each member a CD containing the text and map pages to go over at home. Any changes to the text should be emailed to Louise. Kevin will update the maps and mail them to all committee members for review.

Helical Pier:

Bert handed around several brochures picked up by Sylvia at last weekend's MACC conference from Solid Earth Technologies, who install the boardwalks, and Chance who manufacture the various parts.

George will set up a meeting with Solid Earth for either March 16 or 17.

Hanover Boardwalk – Planning:

Permits need to be obtained at the April 1 Cons Com meeting. It was planned to haul in materials the weekend of April 24-25 and do the construction the weekend of May 1-2.

Marc has the materials list already prepared. We will be using the 20-footx4x6 beams donated by Rob West.

Spencer Brook Update:

Steve Hinton has arranged to give an update at the March 18 Cons Com meeting.

OS&R Extension statement:

The extension has been granted by the state according to Sylvia. This means it is due now in March 2013.

CPA proposal:

Marc has delivered the proposal to the CPC. It consisted of 1) Carlisle Trails Committee Project Application and 2) the CPA Application Form.

Vernal Pool Walk:

Sylvia has emailed Christine Kavalauskas asking if she is interested in leading the walk again this year. The date was tentatively set for April 11.

New Business:**Riverfest Plans – due March 22:**

After much discussion revolving around the fact that we have had poor turnout in recent years, and that no one could come up with a different walk relating to rivers, it was decided to decline the invitation to run a walk this year.

Mowing Fields and Trails:

Leading off a discussion, Louise commented that Jack O'Conner's mower can't get low enough to kill the poison ivy on Towle field.

For Great Meadows we need to work more closely with Fish and Wildlife to have them do more of the mowing.

The trail between School Street and Concord Road is too wet most of the time for Louise to mow.

Further discussion was tabled.

Any Trail Work Needed?

George volunteered to cut and remove trees reported to be on the trail in Greenough.

The short boardwalk at Great Meadows keeps floating out of place and needs to be dealt with.

Schedule next meeting:

The next meeting was set for Friday, April 2, 2010.