Carlisle Trails Committee Report of May 7, 2010 Meeting Bert Willard, Secretary

Attendance: Marc Lamere, Steve Tobin, Louise Hara, Henry Cox, Bert Willard. Guests: Sylvia Willard, David Freedman, Mary Zoll, Jeff Bloomfield.

Old Business:

Review and approve minutes:

The minutes for the March 5 and April 2 meetings were approved as written.

Greenough Plaque:

Henry is to install the plaque and attempt to level the bridge.

Spencer Brook:

Steve reported that the location for the affordable housing well has been moved, thus allowing access to Spencer Brook through the Benfield Conservation Land.

Map Book:

David Freedman handed out CCD copies of the latest maps. This is our last chance to proof them since the files are going to the printer on Monday. David is expecting delivery of the 2000 books by May 25-27.

Vernal Pool Walk:

About 20 people showed up for the walk.

Submerged boardwalks in Greenough:

The 30-foot boardwalk has settled exactly where it is supposed to be, thanks to the effort of securing it while it was floating. The first boardwalk from the dam toward the river has moved about 15 feet. There was a discussion of how to replace it, with no decision being made.

Hanover Hill Boardwalks:

A vote was passed to reimburse Henry \$86.25 for the Mosquito legal notice, and \$111.41 for the abutters notifications, both to be taken from the trails book account.

It was voted to reimburse Sylvia \$39.96 for coffee and doughnuts, to be taken from the trails book account.

Louise won a vote to be reimbursed \$74.81 for lunch foods, to be taken from the trails book account.

Wilkins Hill LLC is to pay the \$841.94 bill from Concord Lumber.

It was voted to pay \$540.00 to Shea for the concrete bumpers, to be taken from the trails book account. Wilkins Hill LLC is to reimburse the account for the cost of the materials used.

If there is not enough cash in the trails book account to cover the above expenses, the remainder will come out of the Stewardship Grant.

New Business:

Spalding-to-Banta Davis Boardwalk:

Jeff Bloomfield, representing the RecCom, discussed the possibility of replacing the boardwalk and asked how the Trails Committee might help. Many points of concern were brought up, including: the boardwalk needs to be wider and stronger than the TC has built to accommodate X-C runners, our standard boardwalks cost about \$20/linear foot, it needs to be high enough so it doesn't flood thus requiring hand rails, ADA compliance and wetland permitting has to be addressed. A rough estimate for helical piers over the 300-foot length is \$30,000.

The TC concerns were summarized in the statement that the project is beyond what we have done, although we are interested in helping.

SUASCO small grants program:

It was decided to pass on an application for this year.

Town Meeting Articles:

A motion was passed to support Article 21 – CPA Annual Authorization, and not to support Article 20.

Schedule next meeting:

The next meeting was set for Friday, June 4, 2010.