Carlisle Trails Committee Report of March 4, 2011 Meeting Bert Willard, Secretary

Attendance: Henry Cox, George Fardy, Louise Hara, Steve Tobin, Kevin Smith, Bert Willard. Guests: none.

Documents Discussed in Agenda:

None.

Old Business:

Minutes from February 11 meeting:

The minutes were approved as amended (spelling).

Spencer Brook Platform:

Most of today was dedicated to continuing work on the boardwalk and platform by Steve Tobin, Henry Cox, Louise Hara, Steve Hinton, and Alan Ankers. They finished installing the railing posts, threaded the cables through the post holes, installed kick boards on the boardwalk, and located and cut dead cedar logs to be used as bench backing.

On Saturday, March 5, the work will continue, tightening the cables and building a double-thickness ramp from boards on site to access the boardwalk in time for the moonlight walk on March 19.

Town CPA participation:

A unanimous vote was taken to oppose Article 20 (to rescind the CPA) on the town warrant.

The question of how to become involved with other groups in town interested in opposing Article 20 brought forth the following ideas:

Coordinated letters to The Editor – Mosquito. Louise will draft a letter emphasizing the Trails Committee projects that have been CPA funded.

Use the Trails Committee email list.

Kevin will attend meetings, as they get organized, by the Coalition to Retain CPA.

Moonlight Walk:

The moonlight walk to the Spencer Brook Viewing Platform was confirmed for March 19.

Yearly Calendar:

Kevin will prepare a calendar of events based on previous years activities to be discussed at the next meeting. The intent of the calendar is to aid us in planning annual trips and workdays.

Vernal Pool Walk:

We will ask Sylvia Willard to contact Christine Kavalauskas about leading this years vernal pool walk some time in late April. No location was agreed upon.

New Business:

Riverfest 2011:

The Trails Committee will participate in Riverfest 2011 by running a walk to the Spencer Brook Platform, probably during late afternoon on Saturday. Hey, Spencer Brook runs into the Assabet river.

Schedule next meeting:

The next meeting was set for Friday, April 1, 2011.