

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

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

Guests: Bill Brady, Joseph Campagna, Margery Pepe, Kathleen and Mat Aeschliman, Kelly Guarino, Sylvia Willard.

Documents Discussed in Agenda:

Google map of 964 Bedford Road, Carlisle, MA, showing proposed trail on Foss Farm; filed with ConsCom.

Old Business:

Minutes from October 7 meeting:

The minutes were approved as amended (spelling).

Benfield plaque:

Steve Tobin reported that Steve Hinton has a large stone that is ideal for the plaque. Steve Tobin will order the plaque.

Proposed new trail at Foss Farm:

Joseph Campagna presented a large map of Foss Farm showing the proposed trail. Since the last meeting the entry point was changed to be on town property near the intersection of route 225 and River Road. This change had been suggested by the Trails Committee at the last meeting.

Kelly Guarino expressed her support for the new trail, citing the safer entry and the benefit to multiple households now offered.

Mat Aeschliman and Bill Brady also offered their support for the trail.

The next step is to have the Trails Committee take a look at the entry, this to be done after all the trail cleanup is done.

The Land Stewards will consider it at their November 22 meeting.

Louise said we need to get the police department to identify and mark the road crossing before the trail is put in.

New Business:

Great Brook State Park – trail opportunities:

Steve Carlin showed his plans to build three new access trails in the state park: 1) from the new parking lot on the west side of Lowell Road leading to the Fern Loop trail, 2) access to the Gage Woodlot, and 3) directly across Lowell Road from the new parking lot.

This will give the Trails Committee the opportunity to build a trail in the Gage Woodlot.

Elliott Farm project:

Margery Pepe, who works at IBM, plans to apply for a grant of \$5000 to IBM to help fund the purchase of the Elliott Farm property. To qualify the grantee must recruit at least 25 employees and 25 non-employees, each to contribute some hours of volunteer work for the subject of the grant. The paperwork must be presented to IBM by November 15. The volunteer work would be done next spring.

Other power-driven mobile devices:

Kevin Smith asked the committee to make any recommended changes to a draft OPDMD document written by Dwight DeMay, Jen Bush, and himself.

Day After Thanksgiving Day walk:

It was decided to do the Greenough loop, meeting at 1:00 pm in the Greenough parking lot on Maple Street nearest to the Billerica town line.

Work day:

Sunday, November 6 was set for a work morning to remove the trees from the trails at the Cranberry Bog and Otter Slide, and to have work days on the next 3 consecutive Sunday's. Some committee members will be unavailable for some of them.

Schedule next meeting:

The next meeting was set for December 2, 2011.