# Carlisle Trails Committee Report of January 6, 2012 Meeting Bert Willard, Secretary

Attendance: George Fardy, Louise Hara, Steve Tobin, Marc Lamere, Bert Willard. Guests: Sylvia Willard, Marjorie Johnson, Jane Anderson, Ralph Anderson, Anne Marie Brako (Mosquito Reporter).

#### **Old Business:**

#### **Minutes from December 2 meeting:**

The minutes were approved as amended.

#### Benfield plaque:

Upon transporting the rock mentioned at the last meeting from Steve Hinton's barn to Jic Davis's property, Jic talked Louise into making a trade for a larger rock, one too heavy for Louise's truck. Jic is to see that it gets moved to the platform site. Louise will order a stainless steel plate for mounting the plastic plaque to the rock.

Steve Tobin suggested a sign is needed on a post at South Street, "Benfield Land, Town of Carlisle." Marc offered to route the sign.

There was further discussion of the need for gravel in the roadway just off of South Road to fill a muddy spot. Louise will get "garden grade" cloth to put under the gravel to prevent the gravel from slowly sinking out of sight into the mud. This will be less expensive than the preferred "geo" cloth normally used for such underlayments. Louise or George will ask Gary Davis to put in the gravel, which CCF will pay for.

## **Eagle Scout / Chestnut Estates project:**

Using a map, Marc reported on how Anthony Perugini had completed his section of the trail with the help of Boy Scouts.

Marc has walked the rest of the proposed trail as previously flagged by the Trails Committee, adjusting some of the flags as seemed appropriate. The Trails Committee will walk the revised flag route in the spring.

#### **Proposed Foss Farm trail update:**

Louise, Marc, Lynn Knight, and Joe Campagna met with Chief Wilson to check out the proposed Route 225 crossing near the confluence of Route 225 and the River Road. It was reported that the Chief thought the sight lines were OK in both directions. He would be willing to accept either signs or a painted cross-walk.

A walk by the Trails Committee to locate the trail will be scheduled at the next meeting.

### **Carlisle-Acton trail connection site visit:**

Steve Tobin, Marc Lamere, Steve Spang, and Greg Peterson have met with Jim Snyder-Grant, Chair of the Acton Land Stewardship Committee at the point where property lines intersect between Acton and Carlisle off West Street in an effort to figure out how a right-of-way can be created to allow access between conservation lands in the

two towns.

# **New Business:**

#### **Trekker Award:**

Award Number 13 was handed out to Jane Anderson and number 14 to Marjorie Johnson. Numerous cameras recorded the poses and hand shakes.

# **Bay Circuit Trail through Carlisle:**

Steve Tobin presented two maps showing possibilities for laying out two alternative trails, both starting at the Cranberry Bog and ending at Two-Rod Road. One was reasonably direct, and the other was more circuitous, winding through the State Park and with more road walking.

## **Budget:**

Marc reported that as of 1/6/2012 the Trails Committee trails book budget stood at \$7,275.41.

# **Schedule next meeting:**

The next meeting was set for February 3, 2012.