

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2015
Steve Tobin, Acting Secretary

Attendance: Alan Ankers, Henry Cox, Louise Hara, Marc Lamere, Steve Tobin.

Documents Presented:

None.

Old Business:

Approve Meeting Minutes:

The minutes for the September 11, 2015 meeting were approved as amended.

Trail Signs & Intersection Numbering:

In the last month 4 properties were walked to determine sign locations (Foss, Great Meadows, Banta Davis/Fox Hill, and Greystone). Bert routed 21 signs in the "C" group and delivered them to Steve for letter painting. Committee members will meet on Sunday, October 18, at the Cranberry Bog at 9:00 am to determine sign locations for the final 3 parcels: the Bog, Elliott, and Rangeway. Steve will email the completed maps with marker locations to Louise for the next edition of Trails in Carlisle.

Rangeway Boardwalks:

Workdays were set for Saturday, October 24 with a rain date/completion date of October 25. Two boardwalks will be built, a 30' one on the Rangeway trail by the road bridge and a 40' one in the interior of the property. Marc will check the bumper stock to see if we have 5 with through holes. A motion was made and unanimously approved to authorize Marc to spend up to \$1200 from the CPA fund for materials. Marc will check to see if John Bakewell is willing to have the materials delivered to his house for sawing and moving, as this is the closest location to the work site. The locations of the boardwalks will be flagged on October 18 while the committee is on site determining sign locations. Bumpers may also be moved on this date, otherwise on Friday October 23. The plan for October 24 is to start with the more accessible location on the Rangeway trail, then transition people to the interior site. Parking will be at the intersection of Rutland and Chestnut Lane. For publicity we will target the Mosquito on Oct. 16 and 23, with an email blast on Oct. 17. Alan will get the wording to Bert. Marc will post a sign on the trail inviting neighbors to help.

Otter Slide Bridges:

No action is planned until a wetland filing in January.

Benches:

No report.

Old Morse Road Erosion:

Louise contacted most of the neighbors and prepared a letter to send to the other one (Meeuwsen). Reaction has been positive. New abutter Keith Therrien, who has a landscaping

business, offered to help with a backhoe and Bobcat. Louise met with Gary Davis who said the DPW could help when time is available. Cons Com deferred Louise to the Oct. 22 meeting at 8 pm. The Trails Committee's role in this project will be supervisory, with the heavy work done by professionals.

Marc pointed out that there is also serious erosion on the section of Old Morse Road behind Elizabeth Ridge, and this should be tackled in the future.

Boy Scout Coyote Rock Trail:

James Sibley and friends cut the trail on Sept. 30. No one has seen it yet. He planned to come to tonight's meeting to discuss the erosion control next to East Street, but was sick. A meeting will be scheduled with Alan and Steve.

Boy Scout Spencer Brook Boardwalk and Trail:

Matt Roberts and volunteers (including Alan, Henry, and Steve) built the boardwalk and trail on September 26. The trail end with the overlook of Spencer Brook marsh would be a good location for one of Bert's benches.

New Business:

Henry recommended purchasing a portable generator for projects like trimming the boards on the Spencer Brook boardwalk and drilling out blind holes in bumpers. Marc pointed out that it could be funded with the CPA fund. Henry will do research and report at the next meeting.

Louise reported she has a new trailer that could be used to haul lumber and bumpers.

Louise has done a mockup of the next version of Trails in Carlisle. It will include new maps for Rangeway and Elliott and the addition of intersection numbers to all maps. David Freedman and Kevin Smith are willing to help with layout and maps.

Recent Activities:

There was a good turnout of 15 people for the Sept. 20 trail clearing day. Four crews went out – Warren to Otter Slide, Henry to Greenough and Great Meadows, Bert to Great Meadows, and Steve and Alan to Banta Davis and the Davis Corridor. There were several high school student volunteers.

Steve mowed the Piggery Road trail on Sept. 18.

Plan Fall Activities:

A public walk at the Towle Land is scheduled for Oct. 4 at 2 pm, to view fall foliage and the new intersection markers. Student artists were invited to attend.

Schedule next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on November 6.