

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2019
Alan Ankers, Secretary

Attendance: Alan Ankers, Louise Hara, Roy Herold, Marc Lamere, Warren Spence, Steve Tobin, Jonathan DeKock

Guests: Sylvia Willard, Bert Willard, Wayne Davis

Documents Presented:

Draft CPA application.

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the December 7 meeting were approved as amended.

Rodgers Road Trail:

The Committee voted to approve payment of \$165.71 from the Trails Grant Account to reimburse Louise for refreshments supplied for the two work days.

Russell Street Trails:

Marc and Louise reported that they had scouted the trail and estimated a length of about 40 ft for the boardwalk. Some kind of ramp will also be required where the trail meets Russell Street, which could probably be done with gravel by the DPW, but will need to be included in the wetlands filing. Marc will work on the filing.

CPA Funding:

Marc presented a draft of the application he had assembled, including a list of anticipated new boardwalks and others that are twenty years old and will probably need rebuilding. Marc will make a few edits as discussed, and then submit to CPC next week. The Committee voted to authorize Marc to submit the application, as discussed, for \$15,000 to be used over a five year period.

Banta-Davis Trails:

Warren reported that the School Committee had requested that the proposed new trail location be flagged to show abutters. Warren will also contact the principal abutter directly to explain the plans.

Trail Adoption:

Alan reported that Bob Goldsmith had volunteered to adopt a trail after seeing the guidelines posted on the web site, but did not have a specific trail in mind.

Benches:

A work session will be held on February 3 to cut lumber at Marc's house.

Greenhouse Flooring:

Marc reported that Jon Storer had delivered 5 panels, each about 4 ft x 18 ft, to the pole barn on December 17. They can be cut into more manageable sizes to use as “duck boards” at various locations.

New Business:

Family Trails Day:

Wayne Davis presented a proposal for a Carlisle Family Trails Day, to get children out using the trails, as a follow-up to CCF’s supplying trail books to the school. Steve suggested combining that with National Trails Day, which is June 1 this year. The plan would be for CCF to take the lead with publicizing and organizing, but for the Trails Committee to be involved. The Committee liked the idea and agreed to organize one guided walk.

2019 Goals:

After discussions, the following goals were agreed for the upcoming year:

- Benches (carried over)
- Intersection Signs (carried over)
- Banta-Davis trail relocation
- Russell Street boardwalk
- Greenough boardwalk at bypass trail near side of pond
- Look into improved trailhead parking
- Chainsaw safety class with Bob Eaton
- Understand the permitting process for replacing boardwalks and installing duck boards
- Slick boardwalk trial solutions

Annual Report:

Steve volunteered to prepare the Annual Report, as usual, for 2018.

Recent Trail Work:

Warren removed three small pines from the Town Forest trails.

Steve cleared fallen trees at Twin Peaks, Elliott, Malcolm Meadows and Morse Road.

Roy cleared trees at Davis Corridor, Rockstrom trail and Sachs Greenway.

Future Activities:

The moonlight walk on Saturday January 19 at Foss Farm will include a small fire to toast marshmallows, using fire pits. The main walk will be about 2.5 miles, with a shorter option of about 1 mile. Alan will post a notice in the Mosquito.

Schedule Next Meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for February 1.