

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2019
Alan Ankers, Secretary

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

Guests: Bob Goldsmith, Ted Selig, Adam Selig

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the January 4 meeting were approved as written.

Russell Street Trails:

Marc reported that he had met with the Planning Board and will send them an estimate of the cost once plans have been developed.

CPA Funding:

Marc reported that he had sent the funding request to Luke Ascolillo.

Banta-Davis Trails:

Warren reported that he had met with Rec Com and they had approved the relocation of the trail.

Benches:

Marc reported that wood and hardware have been delivered, ready for the work session on Sunday February 3.

New Trail Process:

Jonathan had distributed a draft for review, but since most members had not yet read it, this was deferred.

Family Trails Day:

CCF had done some planning work, decided on the name "Carlisle Community Trails Challenge", and requested that the Trails Committee agree to be a co-sponsor. All agreed that this would be appropriate. It will likely be on June 8. Steve suggested a work day the previous weekend to get the trails in good condition.

New Business:

Greenough Boardwalk:

Jonathan agreed to check with ConsCom what the required filing process will be for the very short stream crossing boardwalk.

Chainsaw Safety Demonstration:

Steve reported that Bob Eaton had agreed to do this. Old Home Day was suggested as a possible

venue. Steve will contact the Old Home Day Committee.

Slick Boardwalks:

Ted Selig said he would be willing to take on a trial installation of wire mesh. He will look into appropriate products, choose a location for the trail, and report back to the Committee.

Trailhead Parking:

A few possible locations were suggested for consideration of improved parking:

- Rutland St.
- West St. where Marion's and Twin Peaks trails meet
- Town Forest on East St.
- Maple St. Blueberry Trail – regrading of driveway to parking area

Moonlight Walk:

Sixteen people attended the Moonlight Walk at Foss Farm on January 19, despite poor weather. The fire pit marshmallow toasting worked well.

Elliott Preserve:

Steve reported that the Owners had proposed a section of fence alongside the driveway, which would cut off the trail easement. A site visit with ConsCom was expected to be held on Wednesday or Thursday. Steve will keep the Committee informed so that one or more members can attend the site visit.

Recent Trail Work:

Steve cleared fallen trees at Old Morse Road, Woodhaven boardwalk, Benfield Hidden Pond, Greenough, Foss and a very large pine at the Cranberry Bog.

Roy cleared two trees on Two Rod Road and a group of cedars with vines across the cart path at Benfield.

Future Activities:

Alan reported that Bryan Windmiller had agreed to lead a Vernal Pool walk on April 27, and would like to work it into the Boston Area City Nature Challenge.

The Committee decided to not hold a Riverfest Walk this year as the timing is very close to the proposed Carlisle Trails Day.

Schedule Next Meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for March 1.