

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2020
Alan Ankers, Secretary

Attendance: Alan Ankers, Henry Cox, Louise Hara, Roy Herold, Marc Lamere, Warren Spence, Steve Tobin, Jonathan DeKock
Guests: Sylvia Willard, Bert Willard, Jim Gettys

Documents Presented:

None.

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the December 6 meeting were approved as amended.

Russell Street Trails:

Marc reported that he and Alan had visited the site on January 2 to review a possible design for a wood stair, and developed a schematic design. The ConsCom hearing was continued to their January 23 meeting; Alan will prepare a sketch detail for presentation at that meeting.

Web Site:

The web site has been updated by Lisa Ankers with a more detailed spreadsheet version of the Trekker log as an alternative for those who prefer an electronic version.

Open Space & Recreation Plan:

Marc asked for feedback from committee members on an update to the seven-year plan to be included in the next OS&RP. He will prepare a draft based on this input for review at a future meeting. A substantial portion of the meeting was spent in a brainstorming session to identify potential future trail connections that do not currently have public access rights, to incorporate into the future goals section of the next OS&RP. The OS&RP committee is also looking for immediate input on parcels smaller than 10 acres that may be considered for the protection rankings. Marc will send some suggestions based on input from this session.

New Business:

2020 Goals:

Goals for the upcoming year were discussed, and the following list was settled upon:

- Boardwalk repair: the Tobin Bridge is an immediate need; the Bellows Hill boardwalk is a scout project; others should be surveyed and recorded on the on-line log for future consideration.
- Woodward Trails: to be scouted and cleared once the land ownership passes to the Town.
- Duck boards: planning and installation of more of them.
- Outreach Communication: discussion of methods used and potential improvements.
- Renegotiate agreement with USF&W for maintenance of trails at Great Meadows, and storage of materials.

Trekker Award:

Marc reported that Lisa Ankers had submitted the materials for her Trekker Award, and had asked if her work on the Trails Committee web site could be considered to fulfil the volunteer work requirement. With Alan recused, the committee approved this request.

Annual Report:

The Annual Report is due shortly; Steve once again volunteered to prepare it.

Recent Trail Work:

Roy and Steve cleared a group of fallen trees from the Bisbee causeway.

Steve cleared trees on the Tophet loop, Banta-Davis, Towle Land and Kibby trail.

Roy cleared a tree from Two Rod Road.

Bob Goldsmith cleared trees at Towle and Woodhaven.

Roy reported that there were a total of 170 entries on the downed tree log that had been dealt with over the course of the last year.

Plan Future Activities:

Alan reported that he had received the Land Use Permit from ConsCom for the January 11 moonlight walk. Marc will notify the Police and Fire Departments.

Schedule Next Meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for February 7.