

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

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

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the February 1 meeting were approved as amended.

Russell Street Trails:

Marc reported that Gary Davis had agreed to look at the possible ramp from the road.

Banta-Davis Trails:

With all approvals in place, the small amount of work involved in cutting the new section of trail will be done after the ground thaws.

Benches:

On February 3, Marc, Steve, Roy and Jonathan cut and drilled the lumber for twelve benches; some holes remain to be drilled.

New Trail Process:

After some discussion of Jonathan's draft guidelines, it was clear that more thought and discussion – both general and detailed - are required. Marc offered to restructure the narrative with main guidelines emphasized first, and more detailed discussion separated to follow as backup material.

Community Trails Day:

Steve and Alan reported that CCF has finalized the date as May 18, with the goal to get as many people as possible involved to collectively walk all of the trails in town.

Trailhead Parking:

A page has been created on the online Tree Log to compile a list for future discussion.

Old Home Day:

Steve reported that he had spoken with the Old Home Day Committee about the Chainsaw demonstration, and they said they would get back to him.

Rodgers Road Trail:

Jonathan noted that there are muddy sections near the ends of the boardwalks that may need some attention, such as addition of gravel. Conditions will be monitored through the spring to better assess the requirements.

Annual Report:

Steve reported that the 2018 Annual report had been submitted to the Selectmen as required.

Elliott Preserve:

Steve reported that ConsCom had required a new filing from the Owners if the proposed fence was to be included with the paving of the driveway that includes a Trail Easement. The Owners had apparently dropped the proposal.

Finance:

Marc reported the various account balances as follows:

- Trail Maps Account \$6,789.80
- Trail Grant Account \$748.78
- Trail Gift Account \$2,077.34
- Trails CPA Account \$1,027.51

New Business:**Carlisle Master Plan:**

Janne Corneil of the Master Plan Steering Committee outlined the purpose of the Master Plan and how they are working to define the requirements and develop an estimate of cost to hire a planning consultant, so funds can be requested at Town Meeting. She asked for the Committee's support in their request for funding of the Master Plan Consultant; the Committee voted unanimously to support it.

Trekker Award:

Alan reported that Leslie Kmiec had asked if the trail work she needs to complete for her award could be done soon. A work day will be planned for April.

Woodward Village Trails:

Steve reported that he, Marc and Roy had attended the Planning Board hearing on April 25. Marc had brought up in that meeting that a legal document would be required to allow public access to the trails, and had requested a 50 ft. wide easement to allow for some flexibility in locating the trail; the developer Dan Gainsborough had agreed to this. An easement would also be required on the road and sidewalk entering the property, on sections of land not given to the Town. The Planning Board has set up a site walk for Thursday (March 7) and Steve is meeting with Dan Gainsborough and David Freedman the next day.

Recent Trail Work:

Andrew Joslin cleared the large suspended oak at Towle that had been gradually dropping. Steve cleared a tree from the knoll at Spencer Brook.

Schedule Next Meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for April 5.