

Carlisle Trails Committee  
Report of February 2, 2007 Meeting  
Secretary, Bert Willard

Attendance: Henry Cox, George Fardy, Marc Lamere, Kevin Smith, Steve Tobin, Louise Hara, Bert Willard. Guests Sylvia Willard, Jeff Toscano.

**Old Business**

**Minutes from previous meeting:**

The minutes for the January meeting were approved as amended.

**Old Morse Road “bridge the flood” culvert project:**

Nothing new was reported.

**Cross Street development path update:**

Sylvia reported that the trail is under construction.

**Conservation Cluster plan for Howe land off Rutland St.:**

Steve and Marc attended the Planning Board meeting, January 8. Steve felt the plans seemed reasonable. It will be on the agenda for the next Planning Board meeting on February 12.

**Fields Pond Foundation thank-you letter:**

Steve sent out the letter today.

**Follow-up to Great Meadows reporting of volunteer hours:**

There were no reports of work in January.

**Report on beavers at O’Rourke and barbed wire removal:**

Henry reported the water level is below the boardwalk but that ice is on the boardwalk. Some of the barbed wire has been removed by a college student and carried to the barn. Steve has ordered a post puller.

**Planning for Foss Farm Boardwalk:**

There was agreement that the new boardwalk needs to be strong enough for horses.

Several ideas were discussed:

Place a culvert under a roadway covered over with dirt – expensive and difficult to get ConsCom approval.

Pound in a 16-foot sign post as a test for stability.

Use bumpers except in the center where they tend to sink into the mud.

The Pony Club has offered to supply manpower per Louise.

**New printing of trail maps:**

Louise said the printing will be done next week.

**Doug Stevenson idea for trail patch award:**

Various ideas were discussed. Steve noted that to base the award on miles walked would require new maps indicating mileage. This wouldn't be done before next week's printing. Marc suggested indicating certain trails on each map that must be done instead of mileage, and volunteered to mark up the maps so they could be included in next week's printing.

Bert offered to write a draft of the award rules and e-mail it to committee members for review.

**Report on Cranberry Bog night walk on January 27.**

19 people attended and enjoyed the cold yet windless walk into Chelmsford where the repair of the dam was inspected.

**New Business**

**Schedule joint meeting with Stewardship group – Feb 20 or Mar 20:**

Steve will get back to the stewardship group that either date is OK.

**Activity for Riverfest, June 16-17? Deadline March 9 for listing:**

It was agreed to run another River Trail walk from Foss Farm to Greenough dam and return on June 17 with a BYO lunch.

**Schedule trail work days?**

Barbed wire on the River Trail will be removed this Sunday, 9:00 am. Meet at the barn.

**Any other new business:**

Jeff Toscano raised the question about access to Carlisle Pines via the gas pipeline right of way that crosses his property. He was given an affirmative answer.

Kevin has submitted the last 6 months of meeting reports to Madonna to put on the town website. We have no control over when items will appear.

Sylvia will ask Christine about running another vernal pool visit in April.

**Schedule next meeting:**

The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, March 9.