

Carlisle Trails Committee
Report of April 6, 2007 Meeting
Secretary, Bert Willard

Attendance: Steve Tobin, George Fardy, Henry Cox, Marc Lamere, Kevin Smith, Bert Willard.
Guests Sylvia Willard, Mike Hanauer.

Old Business

Minutes from previous meeting:

The minutes for the March meeting were approved as written.

Old Morse Road “bridge the flood” culvert project:

Nothing new was reported except that it is passable by foot.

Cross Street development path update:

Nothing new was reported.

Conservation Cluster plan for Howe land off Rutland St.:

Marc reported attending one Conscom and one Planning Board meeting.

The trail easement on the south side has been widened to 30 feet.

15 tall granite markers will be installed.

Plaques will be installed explaining to the homeowners how to maintain the swales.

The town will own the conservation land.

There is to be a trail easement document, which Marc will keep an eye on.

Great Meadows reporting of volunteer hours and barbed wire removal:

There were no hours in March to report.

Report on O’Rourke barbed wire removal & other trail work:

Steve reported that on April 1 he pulled 20-30 metal posts with his new post puller, with the help of Henry, George, and Kevin. All of the previously removed barbed wire was moved to the barn.

George said Libby Herland would like all the barbed wire removed and she is happy to have us do it.

On March 11 Steve cut up the big tree that was on the Hart Farm trail.

Planning for Foss Farm Boardwalk:

There was a discussion on what type of posts to use; helical piers, plastic posts, or sign post. Henry will use Google to learn more about the helical piers.

New printing of trail maps:

By e-mail Louise had reported that 400 copies of the trail maps have been printed at Copyland, Acton.

Hiker Award planning:

Marc presented printouts of his spreadsheet version of the hiker log and instructions sheet. They will be printed on one sheet of paper and inserted into the new trail map guide. It was agreed to call the award, the “Carlisle Trekker Award.”

Marc is to make the final corrections agreed upon and e-mail a copy to Steve who will pass it on to Doug Stevenson.

The question of how to publicize the award was kicked around with no decisions being made. Ideas presented were; Mosquito article or letter, Post Office, trail kiosks, website.

Marc will draw up a design for the award patch.

Bert offered to write up a story for the Mosquito and send it to Steve.

Joint meeting with Stewardship Subcommittee:

Steve stated he believed the March 20 meeting with the Stewardship Subcommittee was a good initial effort at cross pollination. Several Trails Committee members attended.

Planning for Bartlett Farm boardwalk:

Marc will start the filing procedure with Conscom and attempt to get on the agenda for either April 26 or May 10. He will also make a first cut at scheduling and pass it on to Steve.

New Business

Discussion of web site contents:

Kevin reported that he has gotten our web site up and running and it is now open to the public. He plans to add trail descriptions from the trail map guide but not the maps for now.

Greenhouse warming day April 14:

Mike Hanauer is heading up a new group called “Carlisle Climate Action.” This will be part of a nation-wide grass roots effort whose goal is to cut carbon emissions by 80% by 2050. Mike invited the committee members to attend the “National Day of Climate Action,” Saturday, April 14 and to spread the word.

Schedule trail work days:

April 22 was set as the day to check out the trail at Greenough to see if it can be moved out of the cornfield and into the adjoining woods.

Schedule vernal pool walk in April.

Sylvia has asked Christine Kavalaszkas if she can lead the visit on April 28 or 29 but has not yet received a reply.

Any other new business:

There was no other new business.

Schedule next meeting:

The next meeting was moved ahead from May 4 to May 11.