

Carlisle Trails Committee
Report of September 7, 2007 Meeting
Secretary, Bert Willard

Attendance: Henry Cox, George Fardy, Louise Hara, Marc Lamere, Kevin Smith, Steve Tobin, Bert Willard. Guests Sylvia Willard, Jim Burnham and parents.

Old Business

Minutes from previous meeting:

The minutes for the July meeting were approved as corrected.

Old Morse Road:

Sylvia reported the Linds and Senklers have received a certified letter from an engineer stating that cutting the edges off the culvert will not compromise the strength of the structure.

Cross Street development path update:

Louise reported that gravel ramps will be installed at the ends of the boardwalks. Bill Costello would like to see the trail on the other side of the road installed before the houses are built. The committee will walk the proposed trail on Sunday, September 9, after the Towle land walk of the proposed trail.

Conservation Cluster plan for Howe land off Rutland St.:

Nothing new was reported.

Great Meadows reporting of volunteer hours:

There were no volunteer hours to report.

Planning for Foss Farm Boardwalk:

Louise initiated a discussion of cribbing as possible boardwalk support according to a website e-mailed to her by Sylvia.

Trail work over the summer:

Steve reported work done at Great Meadows:

July 8 – posts pulled,

July 13 – mowed

July 29 – hauled posts to the barn.

New Business

Towle land eagle scout project:

Jimmy Burnham presented his well prepared proposal to build a trail to Turtle Rock that included maps, photos, trail details, list of tools, and dates for the work. Jimmy is working with Doug Harris and Tim Fohl to learn the wishes of the Indians on this matter. Marc and Jimmy have flagged the proposed trail.

A motion to accept the plan as flagged and presented past unanimously. Henry will prepare the letter of approval from the Trails Committee. The Committee will walk the proposed trail on Sunday, September 9 with Jimmy to check the flagging.

Kevin: GIS trail mapping:

Kevin demonstrated the software he is preparing and provided a CD of this preliminary work to each member so we could learn how to use it.

Fish and Wildlife land access:

Henry reported that on the O'Rourke land the Fish and Wildlife people have placed signs this summer that are unclear as to the intent of the wording "unauthorized entry prohibited." Henry had e-mailed Libby Herland for clarification and received a response stating the signs are used nation wide and can not be changed. He will reply to Libby that we will look over the signs and get back to her on our suggestions for another sign that would clarify the signage in question.

Autumn boardwalk construction:

There was a discussion of the need for a short boardwalk (perhaps five feet) on the recently rerouted trail on Greenough.

There is a need for a short boardwalk on the Towle land on the Bingham Road trail.

On the Greenough property, on the east side of the pond near the barn, there is a spot that is always wet or muddy. It presently had a board on the trail. It could use a boardwalk or AMC style boards on cross logs.

The Trails Committee will check the Davis Corridor this Sunday if time permits to determine the need for boardwalks.

Any other new business:

Bert reported receiving an e-mail from Mary Zoll stating that three trees were across the trail from Two Rod Road to the Davis Corridor. George will check these out with his chain saw.

Marc presented a design for the Trekker Award Patch, showing a yellow background. He will look into getting them made up.

Marc reported the total cost of the boardwalk on the Peter George property was \$1300.

Schedule next meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for October 5.