

Carlisle Trails Committee
Report of February 6, 2009 Meeting
Bert Willard, Secretary

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

Old Business

Review and approve minutes from January:

The minutes for the January meeting were approved as written.

Hanover Hill Subdivision Paths:

Sylvia reported receiving a question from a Virginia Farm resident about when the trails will be built. She, the resident, has not yet contacted Henry.

Benfield Trails:

No work has been done to date to flag the trail locations.

Hal's Bridge Sign:

Marc is learning how to use Hal's sign making templates.

Greenough Bridge:

Henry will work up a draft design for the next meeting.

Annual Report:

Steve's draft report was commended and approved for submission.

Cranberry Bog Walk:

There was a head count of 19 attendees. Steve reported seeing Fisher paw prints.

"Bow Tie lot:" Board of Selectmen meeting 27 January.

The Trails Committee input was accepted by the board and a vote will be taken at the next meeting.

Spencer Brook Ice Drilling:

People present for the drilling: Steve Tobin, Kevin Smith, Bert Willard, Wayne Davis, Steve Spang, Alan Ankors, Heidi Haring. The ice was found to be harder to drill than expected, only three holes could be drilled before the batteries to the hand drills expired. Clearly, there was not a single ice fisherman in the lot. We ran a fiberglass wand down into the mud but it did not reach refusal. In the center of the brook channel the wand went down its full length, 6 1/2 feet. At either side of the channel the wand went down about 4 – 4 1/2 feet.

New Business

Bridge To Nowhere:

Sylvia reported having talked with Elizabeth Platais who remembers sled dog people used to park and hitch up their dogs at the river end of the field at Foss Farm. She remembers a wetland crossing with culverts strong enough for dog teams and horses. There was no mention of its location, i.e. was it next to the road.

Any Other New Business:

Kevin Smith has upgraded the trail maps to a new wiki. We should let him know if there are any problems accessing them.

Sylvia told the committee that it is time for the Conscom to start thinking about renewing the Open Space Plan required by the state. She is trying to get a cost estimate to update all the maps. In 2004 a preliminary estimate was \$40/lot with 150 lots.

Kevin volunteered to do the maps for the new Open Space Plan thus saving the town that expense.

Kevin would like to finish up all trail maps by the next meeting, to be reviewed by the Trails Committee and then the Land Stewards.

Louise Hara has finished assembling the filing for the Town Forest bridges and handed it off to Henry for completion.

Schedule next meeting:

The next meeting was set for Friday, March 6, 2009.