

Carlisle Trails Committee
Report of September 11, 2009 Meeting
Bert Willard, Secretary

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

The meeting opened with Henry passing around extremely tasteful and still warm cupcake brownies made by Erin Cox.

Old Business:

New Trails Book:

Most of the meeting was taken up with a lengthy discussion of the plans for a new and revised trails guidebook. At the July meeting the choices of trail guidebooks to emulate fell to the Bay Circuit Trail Guide, and the Acton Trail Guide. Steve Spang had volunteered to get cost estimates for both approaches and reported his findings as follows.

Steve obtained preliminary quotes from John MacKinnon Printing Co., Acton, for four different options. Each of the options has the same features: Heavy grade paper, off-white, 50 pages, Wire O-Bound, initial run of 1000 copies.

Bay Circuit Small	Bay Circuit same	Acton Large	Acton same
4 1/2x6 3/4	same	5 1/2x8 1/2	same
Heavy weight cover	same	same	same
Color cover	No color	Color cover	No color
16 foldouts	same	no foldouts	same
16 color maps	16 B&W maps	16 color maps	16 B&W maps
84 pp total	same	NA	same
\$8.52 ea.	\$5.89 ea.	\$7.45 ea.	\$4.55 ea.

The consensus of those present was that the large size Acton Trail Guide was the superior production, in terms of paper quality, clear font, green ink, professional-looking drawings, and beautiful maps.

Steve noted that CCF is having its 50th anniversary next year. It might be interested in having its lands included in our trail book, and funding might be possible. Steve will discuss our plans with CCF.

Louise will begin to pull together how we proceed with this project. Bert offered to help.

Hanover Hill Trails:

With the help of about 8 volunteers and some of the committee members, the trails were cut on August 16.

Even though Henry has all the materials needed, he has not had time to prepare the Request for Determination.

Kevin reported that Rob West has asked for a list and cost of boardwalk materials needing purchase.

We need to get out to the site this fall to determine exactly what to build.

Town Forest Boardwalk:

Due to rising confidence of a short project, previously scheduled times were changed. Lumber will be cut at Henry's house on Sunday, September 20, starting at 9:00 am. Materials will be hauled to site and the bumpers installed if time allows. We have permission to drive to the site with George's trailer from an abutter on East Riding Drive. The actual construction date was moved to Sunday, September 27, starting at 9:00 am. Coffee and donuts will be provided, but no lunch. The work should be done before lunch. Bert will send a notice to the Trails Committee volunteer list and the Mosquito.

Schedule next meeting:

The next meeting was set for Friday, October 2, 2009.