

Carlisle Trails Committee
Report of February 5, 2010 Meeting
Bert Willard, Secretary

Attendance: George Fardy, Marc Lamere, Kevin Smith, Steve Tobin, Louise Hara, Bert Willard.
Guests: Sylvia Willard, David Freedman.

Old Business:

Review and approve minutes:

The minutes for the January 8 meeting were approved as amended.

New Map Book:

Much of the meeting time was spent on a discussion of how to designate trail junctions. Kevin showed four versions of the Greenough map showing different methods of defining trails and trail junctions. It was agreed that we should try different colors for different trails instead of large black dots as was previously tried. The consensus seemed to be that we should strive to have the same maps on line as well as in the new book, thus avoiding any confusion.

The Trails Book subcommittee will meet to work out the best arrangement for trails delineation, keeping in mind the transition from computer screen to printed page.

We also need to write a short history of the Trails Committee for inclusion in the new map book.

Map Book Financing and Trails Account:

Kevin reported that CCF has agreed to fund the first printing of the new trails book as a grant. Kevin made the proposal and worked out the details with them.

Marc reported that he learned from Priscilla Dumka that the current limit of \$5K is a spending limit per year. He raised the question; do we need to raise this limit in order to be prepared for a second printing of the new map book, which we have to cover? There are two ways to ask for an increase: 1) ask the Selectmen for a one-time extension, 2) ask the Town to increase the limit. Since we are not now near the \$5K limit it was agreed to do nothing for a year or until we need to make a change.

Hanover Boardwalk 1 – Start Planning?

Marc has sent an email to Rob West stating we would use his lumber. Planning was put off until the next meeting.

State Ethics Exam:

Kevin reminded everyone to take the exam.

OS&R Extension statement:

This has been completed and sent to Sylvia.

CPA proposal:

Marc will submit the proposal to the next CPC meeting.

Annual Town Report:

Steve has submitted the report.

Moonlight Walk:

We had 13 people show up, including 5 Trails Committee members.

New Business:**Granite Benches:**

Steve reported that the CCF is asking the Trails Committee for a list of possible locations for granite memorial benches. The idea is that as part of the CCF 50th anniversary they would like to put up 1 or 2 benches by this fall on CCF land. The Spencer Brook Reservation was suggested since this was the first land purchased by the CCF. Kevin will get suggestions from the land stewards.

Spencer Brook Posts:

This Sunday at 10:00 am, Trails Committee and CCF members will investigate the Spencer Brook from the Benfield land in an attempt to identify where a boardwalk might go, either on an easement or on town land.

Benfield Conservation Land Trail Names:

Steve brought up ideas for naming the different Benfield properties and trails in time for the new Trails Book. He will discuss these at a CCF meeting.

Schedule next meeting:

The next meeting was set for Friday, March 5, 2010.