

Carlisle Trails Committee  
Report of May 6, 2011 Meeting  
Bert Willard, Secretary

Attendance: Henry Cox, George Fardy, Louise Hara, Marc Lamere, Steve Tobin, Bert Willard.

Guests: Sylvia Willard, Alan French, Steve Hinton, Kathleen Metcalf, Charlene Hinton.

**Documents Discussed in Agenda:**

Two maps presented by Alan French: Bay Circuit Trail (March, 2011) and Bay Circuit Trail Map 5B (March, 2011).

**Old Business:**

**Minutes from April 1 meeting:**

The minutes were approved as written (is this a first?).

**Bay Circuit Trail:**

Representing the Bay Circuit Alliance (Bay Circuit Trail), Alan French asked the Trails Committee if there is interest within the committee in exploring the possibility of an alternate to the rail trail, running from Chelmsford through the Cranberry Bog, and continuing on to Concord. The matter will be discussed at future meetings.

**Spencer Brook Platform Issues:**

Kathleen Metcalf, 121 Hartwell Road, expressed her concern, even anger, that the new platform has destroyed their privacy, claiming that people on the platform are training binoculars and cameras on their house. People have parked on their lawn while attempting to locate the platform access. The platform was built higher than they expected.

It was pointed out to Mrs. Metcalf that she and her husband were notified of all the Trails Committee meetings held last fall that concerned the design of the boardwalk and platform, but they did not appear at any of the meetings. The boardwalk and platform were built according to plans approved by the Conservation Commission.

No solution to the concerns seemed imminent, but the suggestion came up that a sign could be placed on the platform asking users to please respect the privacy of the neighbors.

The Metcalfs will be notified of any future Trails Committee meetings when it is planned to discuss continuing the boardwalk across Spencer Brook on their property easement.

**Spencer Brook Platform work to be done:**

The boards forming the bench seats need to be trimmed.

A plaque needs to be placed acknowledging the 32 donors and work by the Trails Committee and volunteers. Committee members do not wish to be called out individually on the plaque.

**Joint Conservation Meeting:**

Not being present to defend himself, Kevin Smith was appointed member to the joint working group for the regulations on “powered-driven mobility devices.”

**Town Meeting:**

Steve Tobin volunteered to say the Trails Committee supports articles for the Mannis Land survey and the Solar PV Zoning District as originally written.

**Trekker Award rules:**

It was voted to strike rule #1 (Carlisle residents only) from the award requirements. This is in the interest of promoting a broader participation in trail use.

**Chestnut Hill Estates:**

Marc updated the committee on the locations for the stone markers. Boy Scout Anthony Perugini has expressed interest in building a trail on this property as his Eagle project.

**Results of trails workday:**

The gravel ramp was installed at the Spencer Brook boardwalk.

The Pool Swamp trail was cleared.

Otter Slide – the large fallen tree in the water was cut and pulled out.

Fallen trees from the Greenough property were removed from private property in Billerica.

Fallen trees were removed from the Hart Farm Trail.

The Kibby Trail was cleared.

Trees were removed from the Bisbee Trail.

**Vernal Pool walk:**

The vernal pool walk on the Conant Land had about 22 attendees.

**New Business:****Schedule next meeting:**

The next meeting was set for Thursday June 2, 2011.