

Carlisle Trails Committee
Report of September 7, 2012 Meeting
Bert Willard, Secretary

Attendance: Henry Cox, Steve Tobin, Louise Hara, Bert Willard.

Guests: Sylvia Willard, Alan Ankers, Lorna Hyland, Helen Herold, Warren Spence.

Old Business:

Minutes from July 6 meeting:

The minutes for the July 6 meeting were approved as amended.

Benfield plaque:

The rock has not yet been moved.

Foss Farm trail update:

Steve has signed off on the trail cleared by Matt Gorecki and his scout crew. However, there are some logs that need removing from the trail.

Chestnut Estates boardwalks:

Marc reported that the new trail needs swing blade clearing this fall.

Louise's trailer repair:

The necessary repair has been completed.

August 5 workday:

Fourteen people chipped in, on what may have been the hottest and most humid day we have ever done trail clearing. The Elliott property trail, O'Rourke, Two-Rod Road, and Sachs Greenway were cleared.

Other trail work:

Steve reported having measured the lengths of the Chestnut Estates trail.

New Business:

New members:

Alan Ankers and Warren Spence both expressed interest in joining the Trails Committee. It was agreed that they would make great additions, but since this would bring the membership to eight instead of seven, a motion was passed for Henry to write a letter to the Selectmen recommending both candidates for membership and that total membership be increased to eight.

Another autumn workday:

Work needs to be done on Piggery Road, the Chestnut Estates trail, and on the first boardwalk from Foss Farm on the River Trail. Two days were set for town-wide work days; September 23 and 30.

Autumn construction project:

The Foss Farm boardwalk will be constructed on October 20 and 27, with rain dates of October 21 and 28.

OS&R 5-year plan:

Louise's draft plan was reviewed with numerous comments and additions suggested. A motion was passed to approve the modified 5-year plan.

Other new business:

A discussion was had of how best to build railings for the new Foss Farm boardwalk, keeping in mind it will be used by horses. It was agreed to use the same technique used on the Benfield wildlife platform, except 4x4 posts would be used with 42-inch railings, instead of the metal posts.

Schedule next meeting:

The next meeting will be October 5, 2012.