

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2015
Bert Willard, Secretary

Attendance: Alan Ankers, Henry Cox, Louise Hara, Marc Lamere, Warren Spence, Steve Tobin, Bert Willard.

Guests: Sylvia Willard, Steve Hinton.

Documents Presented:

None.

Old Business:

Approve Meeting Minutes:

The minutes for the November 6, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Trail Signs & Intersection Numbering:

A unanimous vote was taken to reimburse Steve Tobin to the amount of \$117.60 for trail sign mahogany boards, to be taken from the CPA fund.

Rangeway Boardwalks:

The work was declared done.

Otter Slide Trail Bridges:

The application to Conscom will not be started until after the first of the new year.

Benches:

Alan has obtained permission from CCF to install the benches at Benfield Hill and Spencer Brook Reservation.

Bert attended the recent Land Steward meeting to explain two proposed bench locations at Greenough Land.. These were met with approval.

On Sunday, December 6, the first of four benches will be installed on the Wood Duck Trail, Greenough Land.

Boy Scout Project:

Scout James Sibley is working on erosion control at the entrance to the Town Forest.

Banta-Fox Hill Trail:

On November 14 members of the Trails Committee walked the land to select a possible location for a trail. Marc will contact Elizabeth Barnett about obtaining a trail easement.

We need to contact Conscom about a new opening through the stone wall to Fox Hill.

New Business:

Recent Activities:

Steve Tobin reported that he and son David cleared the MacAfee and Holmes-Avery Trails.

Forty-eight people showed up for the post-Thanksgiving walk at the state park in 60-degree weather. Greg Sutherland from the DCR cohosted the walk.

Plan Winter Activities:

The annual moonlight walk will be at Foss Farm on January 23, starting at 7:00 pm.

Steve will do the annual report.

Trail Book Updates:

Louise showed a spreadsheet identifying changes needed for the new trail book. Of prime importance, all the new trails need names. Louise will email the spreadsheet to Trails Committee members, so we can add suggestions.

We will meet at Town Hall on Sunday, December 13, at 2:00 pm to discuss updates.

Woodhaven Farm Protection:

Steve presented maps showing the location for the CR on the Woodhaven Farm on Prospect Street. The CR is to be purchased with CCF and SVT donations, without town funding.

Sorli Farm Protection:

The 2016 Annual Town Meeting will be asked to purchase most of the CR with CPA funds; CCF will also contribute toward the CR purchase. The CR will be jointly held by CCF and the Town. Steve Hinton of CCF presented maps and aerial photographs, showing property lines and other features. Of particular interest was how the trail will pass through the stone wall in a “Z” shape to stay within the easement.

A unanimous vote was taken to write a letter supporting CCF’s initiative to apply for CPA funds for the CR.

At the January meeting a date will be set in January to walk the property.

Schedule next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on January 8.