

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 26, 2016  
Bert Willard, Secretary

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

Guests: Sylvia Willard, Stephen Hauser, Richard Sibley (scout master), James Sibley.

**Documents Presented:**

None.

**Old Business:**

**Approve Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes for the January 8, 2015 meeting were approved as amended.

**Updates on 2015 Goals:**

1) Trail Signs and Intersection Numbering:

Steve reported that the school art class has nearly completed the fifteen Davis Corridor signs it has.

There are needed 30 sign posts: 9 for the Davis Corridor, 14 for Greenough, 7 for Benfield and Bisbee.

2) Otter Slide Trail Bridges and Beaver Dams:

Summarizing a long discussion of the beaver dams in the stream leading out of the Cranberry Bog, a meeting will be organized between the Trails Committee, Conscom, Land Stewards, the trapper used by Brigitte Senkler, and a Chelmsford Conscom representative to determine the best way to deal with the beavers.

3) Benches:

Bench installation will wait until the ground thaws.

**Trail Book Updates:**

Committee members were encouraged to meet at Louise's house to work on the trail book update on Saturday, February 27, at 3:00 pm.

**Banta-Davis Fox Hill Trail:**

Marc met with the Housing Trust on February 2, and got permission to relocate the trail connecting Banta-Davis through the Goff property and on to Fox Hill. Also, approval was obtained from Conscom at their February 25 meeting. Marc will work with John Bakewell to determine the best location across Fox Hill.

**Sorli Farm – Ryan Land:**

After an exploration of the property on January 17 by Steve Tobin, Alan Ankers, Steve Hinton, Bert Willard, and Sylvia Willard, the conclusion was made that there is no way to build a

trail to connect both properties, because of thick brush and “lumpy” wetland.

**Woodhaven Farm Protection – Hal’s Boardwalk:**

Steve reported the public walk on February 13 to be a success with a large attendance.

The next walk will be on February 28.

Marc is working with Ken Harte on altering the language of the conservation restriction to allow for the fact that part of the boardwalk actually is on the property in question.

**Scout James Sibley:**

James Sibley attended the meeting to obtain the final sign-off for his report of his project of building the Coyote Rock Trail in the Town Forest.

**New Business:**

**Recent Activities:**

Moonlight Walk: only 12 persons attended, 11 of whom were Trail Committee members and family.

Trail work since last meeting: Steve cleared on River Trail, Elliot Preserve, Malcolm Meadows Preserve, Sachs Greenway, Highwater Trail, Twin Peaks Trail, MacAfee, and Holmes-Avery Trails. Warren cleared all of the Town Forest trails.

**Plan Future Activities:**

The 2016 goals will include those left over from the 2015 goals, as well as Spencer Brook boardwalks, and a new trail through the woods at the Benfield conservation land.

The largest goal is the publication of a revised “Trails in Carlisle.”

**Other New Business:**

Dave Freedman is involved with a Town Website update, and the Trails Committee was asked to consider what it would like to have on this site.

A vernal pool walk on Greenough property was planned for Saturday, April 9, at 10:00 am.

Riverfest is June 17-19.

**Schedule next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on April 1.