

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting November 21, 2016
Bert Willard, Secretary

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

Guests: Megan Howes, Nancy Cowan, Bill Brady, Roy Herold, Greg MacKintosh, Brooke MacKintosh, Elizabeth Brandhorst, Nick Darbelloff, Sylvia Willard, George Mansfield.

Documents Presented:

81 Russell Street SROSC Plans (available at the Planning Board office).

81 Russell Street:

The Planning Board had asked the Trails Committee for comments regarding the locations for two boardwalks and trail on the proposed town land, thus the reason for this special meeting.

George Mansfield presented sketch plans from George Dimakarakos of Stamski & McNary, showing where boardwalks might be located as well as the proposed trail location. The two boardwalks totaled an estimated 440 feet. One is a 150-foot stream crossing, requiring helical piers.

The biggest concerns for committee members and guests, mostly residents of Russell Street, were how to gain public access and public parking. There is a possibility of parking on the fire cistern, but it would be the responsibility of the Town, not the developer.

Many questions came thick and fast, for example: to avoid the 150-foot boardwalk, could the trail be built on the south side of the river? This boardwalk will not be built because of the huge expense.

The essence of the discussion became the need for clarification as to the easement boundary lines, before access to the property could be established. Marc will contact Town Counsel before next Monday's Planning Board meeting for this clarification.

There was a discussion about asking the developer for funding for grading off of Russell Street and the longer but less expensive boardwalk. Actually, the Planning Board would be asked to ask the developer. It was agreed to ask for \$10,000, to be donated to the Conservation Fund for a future trail once the development is done.

There will be no parking lot built due to the lack of space. In light of this, the question was raised, should the Trails Committee build a trail that would get almost no use (other than from Russell Street residents) because there would be no place to park, except on Russell Street, an unsafe concept due to the rise in the street. There was no answer forthcoming. However, there seemed to be full support for a trail from the guests.

Woodhaven:

It appears that the neighbors on Prospect Street don't want trail access off of Prospect Street. Steve proposed an alternative of building just a loop trail from Hal's Boardwalk. A vote to build the trail as originally proposed off Prospect Street ended in a 3 x 3 tie (one abstention).