

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2017
Bert Willard, Secretary

Attendance: Alan Ankers, Henry Cox, Louise Hara, Marc Lamere, Steve Tobin, Bert Willard.
Guests: Roy Herold, Bruce Hall.

Documents Presented:

None.

Old Business:

Approve Meeting Minutes:

The minutes for the December 2, 2016 meeting was approved as amended.

Trail Signs:

Out of a total of 141 signs, 28 posts remain to be installed.

Otter Slide Bridges:

Steve reported that the state has decided to cover the \$300 cost for the MESA (Mass. Endangered Species Act) review required by NHESP (Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program).

81 Russell Street:

In Sylvia Willards absence, Bert reported that the transfer of property will take place in mid-February for both the property to the Town, and to the developer.

Spencer Brook boardwalks:

Scout Charlie Hutchinson is looking for an Eagle Scout project. Steve will show him the potential for Spencer Brook Reservation boardwalks on Saturday.

New Benfield Trail:

Louise will show Tim Fohl the flagged location for the new Benfield trail through the woods.

Trail Book Updates:

Steve requested that we put on the website the map of the Town Forest showing the locations of the trail marker signs that are currently installed.

The Trekker Award should be revised for the new trail book.

Woodhaven Farm:

It was agreed to wait another month, at least, in order to check for high water before moving ahead on the trail location.

Material Storage – O'Rourke Barn:

Marc has been unable to contact Libby Herland via email.

New Business:

Annual Report:

Steve volunteered to take on the task yet another year.

Eagle Scout Projects?

The following possibilities were suggested:
a narrow boardwalk on Piggery Road,
a boardwalk on the Old Morse Rd (Marge Finley property),
81 Russell Street,
short boardwalks on the River Trail,
duck boards next to the Greenough Pond barn.

Goals for 2017:

The top priority is the new trails book.
Benches,
Town website,
Goals from 2016.

Town Website:

Alan will get back to David Freedman with some FAQ.

Plan Future Activities:

The moonlight walk at the Cranberry Bog on January 7 was cancelled due to the safety issues of ice on the trail hidden by pending snow, cold temperature, wind, no moonlight, no parking on the road because of plowing.

Other New Business:

It was voted 6:0 to pay the Mosquito bill of \$135.00 for the Otter Slide Wetlands hearing notice, to come out of the CPA fund.

A check for \$600.00 was received from Ferns for the sale of trail books.

Schedule Next Meeting:

The next meeting is set for February 3.