

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2017
Alan Ankers, Secretary

Attendance: Alan Ankers, Louise Hara, Marc Lamere, Warren Spence, Steve Tobin
Guests: Roy Herold, Heidi Haring, Vaughn Haring, Reilly Haring, Alden Haring, Piper Haring, Ben Meyer

Documents Presented:

None.

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes for the June 2, 2017 meeting were approved with minor amendments.

Trail Book Update:

Louise reported that work was progressing with Kevin Smith and David Freedman.

Trail Intersection Signs:

On June 17, two teams installed seven posts at Banta-Davis, Elliott Preserve, Cranberry Bog, Old Morse Road and Virginia Farme Lane. 13 posts remain to be installed.

Steve reported that 33 painted signs had been received back from the School Art Club.

Otter Slide Bridges:

On June 10, Steve, Roy and Alan built up the approach ramps to the boardwalks using rocks from the DPW. The boardwalk project is now considered complete, but some sink holes remain to be filled.

Rodgers Road Trail:

Christine Stevens, who lives next to the trail, visited the booth at Old Home Day. She offered to try and get a group of neighbors together to meet with the committee and discuss options for improving the trail.

Benches:

The committee reviewed the list of suggested locations, chose to pursue five of the eight, and then added another five new locations, resulting in the following updated list:

- Old Morse Road – near culvert overlooking marsh at the Hart Land
- Towle Land – at the short, broad boardwalk by small waterfalls
- Towle Land – overlooking the ravine between field and Turtle Trail
- Towle Land – on top of the knoll at the south side of the field
- Greenough dam - 2 benches
- Benfield new trail – at the Hidden Pond overlook
- Benfield new trail – near the rock outcropping
- Russell Conservation Land (when land is available) – overlooking the marsh
- Russell Conservation Land (when land is available) – near the dam

Roy will contact Bert to get the bench construction plans.

Bruce Freeman Trail:

The committee designated Steve to work with Stuart Johnstone to decide on a suitable memorial to Alan Cameron.

New Business:

Trekker Awards:

The Haring family were presented with their Trekker Awards, having competed all of the trails and the volunteer work requirement, all done together as a family over a seven-year period:

- #34 - Piper Haring
- #35 - Alden Haring
- #36 - Reilly Haring
- #37 - Heidi Haring
- #38 - Vaughn Haring

767 Bedford Road:

There was some discussion about the Town's option to purchase the six acres of land at the junction of Bedford Road and Maple Street, owned by Taina Rokotuiveikau, that is being taken out of the Chapter 61A agricultural program. The consensus was that it could be useful as a potential future trail connection. Marc will draft a memo to the Selectmen to this effect.

Old Home Day:

The booth at Old Home Day was considered a success, with several productive conversations with local residents on trail-related issues. Four trail books were sold.

Double Sundae Sunday Saunter:

At least thirty people participated in at least a portion of the walk in beautiful weather. Another two books were sold.

Trail Work Since Last Meeting:

Steve cut 3 fallen trees at Greenough, cleared overgrown vegetation from the Tobin bridge, and replaced six deck boards on the short boardwalks on the Red Tail Trail.

Warren mowed and cleared trails for the Sunday Saunter.

Roy removed two downed trees in the Davis Corridor trail system, and another at the Towle Land, and cleared brush from the Sachs Greenway.

Marc removed a downed tree from the Tupelo Trail at Rangeway.

Appointments:

It was noted that Roy has not yet been officially appointed to the committee. Marc will follow up with Tim Goddard.

Future Activities:

Due to busy August schedules, no activities were scheduled.

Marc introduced the idea of a brainstorming session for new topics to be considered, either at

future meetings, or in a separate dedicated meeting. The idea was received favorably and will be taken up in more detail at the next meeting.

Schedule Next Meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for September 1.