

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes  
November 3, 2017  
Alan Ankers, Secretary

Attendance: Alan Ankers, Henry Cox, Louise Hara, Roy Herold, Marc Lamere, Warren Spence, Steve Tobin

Guests: Sylvia Willard, Bert Willard, Jonathan DeKock, Wayne Davis, Greg Fairbank, Steve Hinton

**Documents Presented:**

None.

**Old Business:**

**Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes for the October 6, 2017 meeting were approved as amended.

**767 Bedford Road / Woodward-Doutriaux Land:**

Now that the project has secured the required approvals, attention turns to clearing the trail alongside the meadow, which is heavily overgrown. There was some discussion of methods to be used; machinery may be required in some places, particularly the section closest to Bedford Road.

**Trail Intersection Signs:**

Steve reported that six more posts have been installed and only four remain.

**Rodgers Road Trail:**

Marc reported that he had sent a document to Town Counsel, based on Wayne Davis's recommendations, but had not heard back.

**Deer Committee:**

Steve presented a draft of the Deer Committee's proposed regulations, and asked for input. The consensus was that they seemed reasonable.

**New Benfield Trail:**

Charlie Hutchinson had put up the small trail markers.

**Greystone Trail:**

Alan reported that he had met with Greg Fairbank, the owner of the land with the trail easement, and his two neighbors, Justin Neal and Susie Shaw, to try and work out the placement of the signpost at the trailhead at the end of Captain Wilson Lane. While they were all supportive of the idea, Justin (who acts as the Association's president) pointed out that the Greystone Crossing Association Covenants specifically prohibit signs (with a few exceptions), and the easements do not specifically allow them. Wayne Davis had studied the Covenants and suggested that the trail marker may not be considered a sign in that context and recommended asking Town Counsel for an opinion on that issue.

Mr. Fairbank reiterated that he was supportive of the committee and its work, but did not want to do (or allow) anything on his property that would violate the Association's rules. He stressed the importance of keeping the Association involved in reaching a solution.

### **New Business:**

#### **Trekker Award:**

Jonathan DeKock received his award, #39. He had walked all of the trails since June this year, with canine accompaniment where permitted.

#### **100 Long Ridge Road:**

Steve Hinton reported that a new development plan was being submitted to the ZBA, with fewer houses than the previous 40B proposal. He suggested that there would likely be opportunities for trail easements, and that the ZBA meeting on December 4 would be the time to establish those. The committee agreed that it would be worthwhile to reserve those rights if possible, even though it was not clear how useful it would be for trails.

#### **Caring4Carlisle:**

Marc reported that Linda Fantasia had approached him about representing the Trails Committee on the Caring4Carlisle Steering Committee. He will follow up with her.

#### **Community Work:**

Marcus Chan was looking for trail-related work to fulfill a community work requirement.

#### **Trail Work Since Last Meeting:**

Roy had set up a Google Docs spreadsheet to log trail work on downed trees and boardwalk repair, to assist with coordination of efforts. Several trees had been felled in the recent storm, and many had already been cleared by various committee members.

Twenty people attended the October 22 work day, in four parties.

Steve, Henry and Roy filled in all but the largest of the sink holes on the Otter Slide trail on October 28.

Steve mowed Old Morse Road and Otter Slide with the DR trimmer.

#### **Future Activities:**

The annual post-Thanksgiving walk was scheduled for November 24, to cover the trails on the Woodward land, starting from Foss Farm. Steve will send a description for Alan to post on the web site, in the Mosquito, and to the email list.

#### **Schedule Next Meeting:**

The next meeting was scheduled for December 1.