

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2017
Alan Ankers, Secretary

Attendance: Alan Ankers, Louise Hara, Roy Herold, Marc Lamere, Warren Spence, Steve Tobin
Guests: Sylvia Willard, Bert Willard, Jonathan DeKock, Jim Gettys, Greg Fairbank, Rick Amodei, Carren Panico (Carlisle Mosquito)

Documents Presented:

Maps of Mannis Land, Oak Knoll.

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes for the November 3, 2017 meeting were approved as amended.

Mannis Land / Oak Knoll:

Jonathan DeKock and Jim Gettys, both of Oak Knoll Road, presented a proposal for a system of new trails on the Mannis Land, illustrated with maps, following up on Mr. DeKock's earlier approach to the committee. They suggested utilizing an existing cart path, and adding a new trail to create a loop. This could be reached from Oak Knoll Road via Mr. Gettys's property, over which he is willing to allow access. A future second phase could connect this loop with the existing trails in the Rangeway network by means of a boardwalk about 150 feet long. The committee was impressed with the proposal and expressed its full support, noting that the next step was to obtain approval from ConsCom, who have control over the Mannis Land. The committee agreed to help with locating and flagging the trail.

New Trail Book:

Louise noted that, since Kevin Smith will no longer have a current license to the ArcGIS mapping software beyond the end of the year, new arrangements will need to be made for map production.

Rodgers Road Trail:

Marc reported that Town Counsel had agreed to draw up documents for a new Trail Easement.

New Benfield Trail:

Steve reported that he had signed off on the completion of Charlie Hutchinson's Eagle Scout project. He noted that better signage is required at the end of the Hidden Pond spur trail to clarify the official end of the trail, with private property beyond; Roy and Steve will work on this.

Greystone Trail:

Alan reported that, with help from Wayne Davis, he had prepared a package including maps, easement documents, Association Covenants, and photos of trail markers, together with a narrative explaining the situation, which Marc had then submitted to Town Counsel. Marc reported that Chris Heep (Town Counsel) was of the opinion that the proposed markers would not contravene the Covenants, and that he would provide a write-up to that effect to be sent to Greg Fairbank and Justin Neal (Greystone Crossing Association President).

Woodhaven Farm:

Steve reported that CCF had decided to take on responsibility for the rest of the trail work without Trails Committee involvement.

Historic Marker Project:

Marc reported that he had attended a Historical Commission meeting with Richie Chuang. They were generally supportive but had some thoughts about the best materials to be used.

New Business:**Towle Land / Bingham Rd:**

Sylvia reported that the owner/developer of 48 Bingham Road had agreed to put a Local Conservation Restriction on a forty-foot wide strip of land at the edge of the property bordering the Towle Land, to help maintain a wooded buffer for the existing Outer Loop Trail which is only about thirty feet from the property line.

Post-Thanksgiving Walk:

41 people attended the November 24 walk on the Woodward trails, in beautiful conditions. Desiree Ball gave a short talk on site about her plans for goats in the fields.

Trail Work Since Last Meeting:

On November 4, Steve cleared various trees on the Benfield properties; Jonathan DeKock and Alan cleared brush on the Foss Farm south field connector, and a few trees on other Foss Farm trails; Roy cleared trees from the Beaver Trail, Conant and Two Rod Road; Warren cleared the Otter Slide and nearby trails.

Cleanup work was done on the Woodward trails on November 12, prior to the post-Thanksgiving walk. Steve and Roy cleared three large downed trees.

On November 18, Steve, Warren and Alan, along with Jim Gettys, who had drawn attention to the need, replaced a short boardwalk near the corner of the fields on the Greenough Land. Steve replaced boards on the River Trail and Cat Briar Trail.

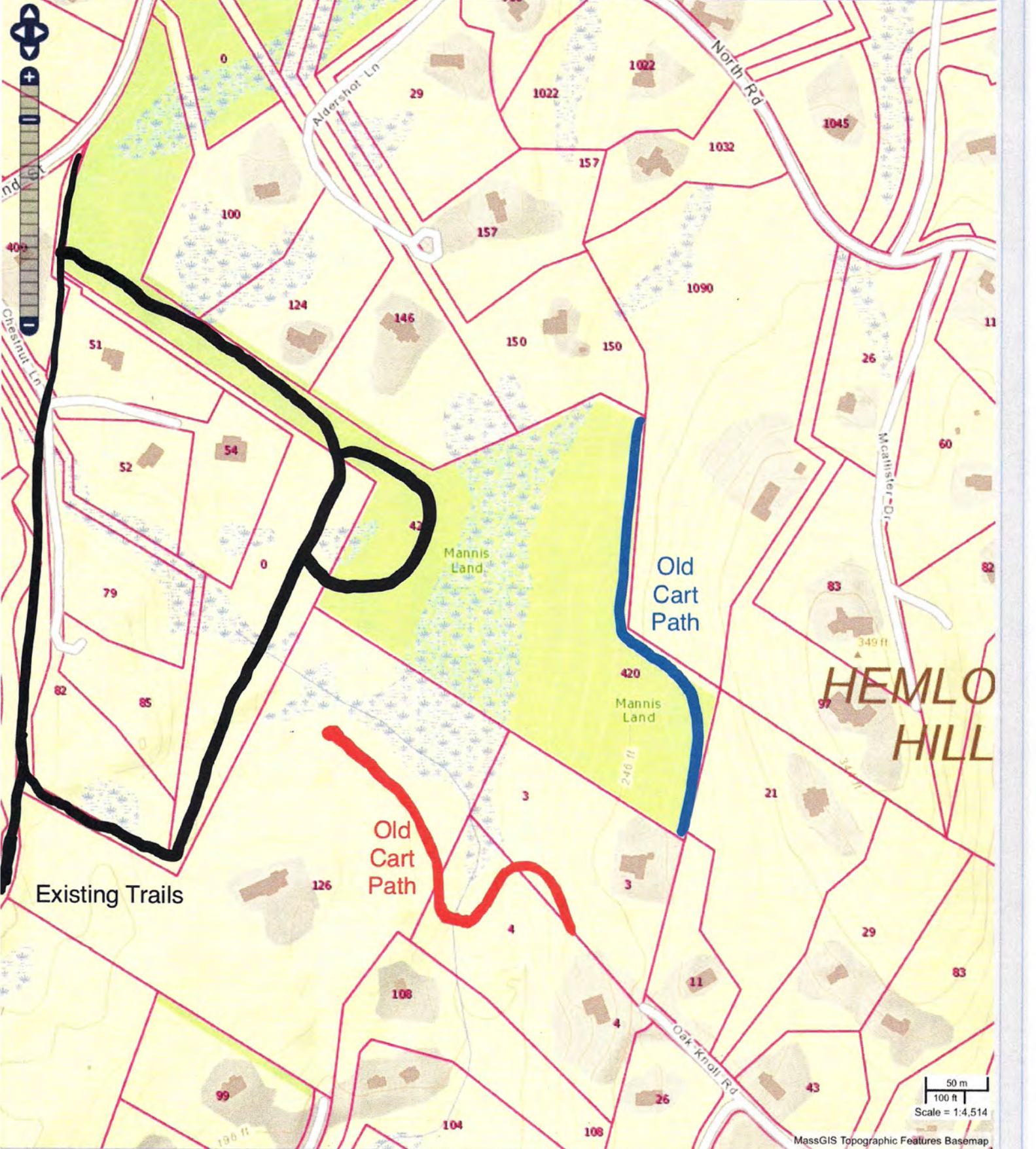
Marc cleared a large oak from the Tupelo Trail on November 24.

Future Activities:

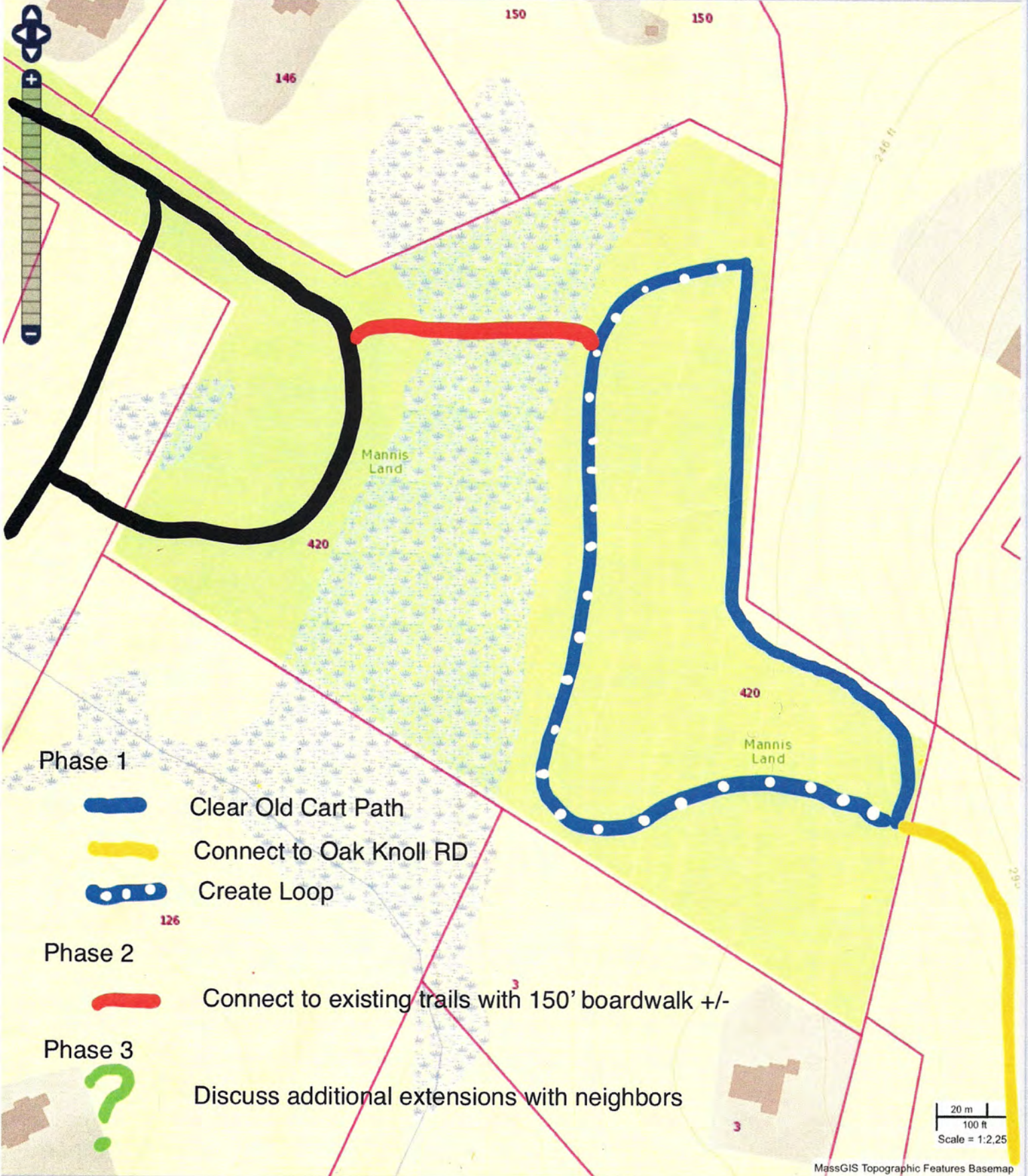
The annual Moonlight walk was scheduled for Saturday, January 27, using the Towle Land. The Committee's annual dessert party was scheduled for Sunday, January 28.

Schedule Next Meeting:




The next meeting was scheduled for January 5.



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Phase 1

-  Clear Old Cart Path
-  Connect to Oak Knoll RD
-  Create Loop

Phase 2

-  Connect to existing trails with 150' boardwalk +/-

Phase 3

-  Discuss additional extensions with neighbors

