

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2018
Alan Ankers, Secretary

Attendance: Alan Ankers, Henry Cox, Louise Hara, Roy Herold, Marc Lamere, Steve Tobin
Guests: Sylvia Willard, Bert Willard, Jonathan DeKock, Bob Goldsmith

Documents Presented:

None.

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes for the December 1, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

Mannis Land / Oak Knoll:

Jonathan DeKock reported that, accompanied by Steve on both occasions, he had met with ConsCom and the Land Stewardship Committee, and that both committees had a favorable response to the proposed trails. He has started talking to neighbors to inform them about the plans and seek support.

New Trail Book:

Louise reported that Kevin Smith's map work is completed and "clean" maps have been passed on to David Freedman for final graphical processing; text is being finalized. All of the 2010 edition books have been sold.

Rodgers Road Trail:

Marc is working with Town Counsel to draft a new Trail Easement.

Greystone Trail:

Alan reported that Town Counsel had drawn up a letter with the opinion that the restrictions on signs in the Greystone Crossing Association's Covenants did not apply to the proposed trail sign. The letter had been sent to Greg Fairbank and Justin Neal in advance of the Association meeting.

New Business:

2018 Goals:

The list of goals for 2018 includes several 2017 goals that were not completed, or are ongoing:

- New Trail Book
- Trail Signs
- Benches
- Old Morse Road erosion
- Rodgers Road trail improvements
- 81 Russell Street trails

The proposed Mannis Land trail system was added as a new goal, together with four discussion items to be addressed, one at a time, in future meetings:

- On-line Mapping
- Trail Maintenance
- Public Walks
- Review of the Web Site

The following items, not considered as goals as such, will remain on the agenda as items of interest to follow:

- Spencer Brook Boardwalks (by CCF)
- New Benfield trail
- Banta-Fox Hill connection
- Material Storage, Maintenance Agreement with USF&W
- Lions Gate development
- Woodward Land trails

Town Meeting Warrant:

Items for the Town Meeting Warrant are due shortly. Two funding-related items were discussed, for inclusion on the warrant.

The current CPA funding expires at the end of the fiscal year. The committee voted to request an extension of one year for use of these funds.

The trail books (revolving funds) account has an annual spending limit of \$10,000, which will likely not be enough for the anticipated printing of the new trail book. The committee voted to request an increase in the annual spending limit to \$15,000. Marc will contact Tim Goddard about how best to approach this.

Estabrook Woods:

The Selectmen's meeting scheduled for January 9 includes an agenda item about the lawsuit relating to trail access to Estabrook Woods. Alan will attend to gather information.

Wood Pallets:

Sylvia had reported that Jon Storer has offered to the committee a number of boardwalk sections from the Raibert property. Louise will contact Jon about the matter.

Annual Report:

Steve volunteered to prepare the annual report for submission to the Selectmen.

Trail Work Since Last Meeting:

No significant work was reported.

Future Activities:

The Moonlight walk and dessert party are scheduled for January 27 and 28 respectively.

Schedule Next Meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for February 2.