

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2018
Alan Ankers, Secretary

Attendance: Alan Ankers, Louise Hara, Roy Herold, Marc Lamere, Steve Tobin, Warren Spence
Guests: Sylvia Willard, Bert Willard, Jonathan DeKock, Fei Huang, Tracey Stout, Kelly Bramley, Tao Tang

Documents Presented:

None.

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes for the January 5, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

Mannis Land / Oak Knoll:

Fei Huang, Tracey Stout, Kelly Bramley and Tao Tang, all of Oak Knoll Road, had read about the proposed new trail in the *Mosquito* and were curious about the process. They expressed concerns about how the trail may affect the area, and were unhappy that they were not part of the discussion. A particular concern was parking, noting that Google Maps already showed “Greenough Land Parking” at that location.

The Committee assured them that no designated parking was planned; it was not clear how the entry had appeared on Google Maps, but it was not the work of the Trails Committee, and was clearly erroneous. They were also assured that neighborhood discussion was the next step in the planning process, to be initiated by Jonathan DeKock.

New Trail Book:

Louise reported that she had sent out text layouts for review. Steve will collect comments before passing them on to Louise. David Freedman has obtained estimates for publishing, based on quantities of 1000, 1500 and 2000 books.

Rodgers Road Trail:

Marc reported that Town Counsel had drafted a new Trail Easement document, which was currently being reviewed by CRAC.

Greystone Trail:

Alan reported that he had heard from Greg Fairbank that the Greystone Crossing Association did not agree with Town Counsel’s opinion that the restrictions on signs in their Covenants did not apply to the proposed trail sign, but that at their meeting, they had given permission for the requested trailhead sign. There are some details that remain to be worked out.

Finance and Funding:

Marc reported that he had requested the extension for the CPA funding and that Luke Ascolillo would take the request to the CPC.

Marc also noted that he was going to meet with the Selectmen to ask what they recommend in

relation to adjusting the spending limit on the revolving funds, since it was not clear how this would best be addressed.

Marc provided the various account balances as follows:

- Trail Maps Account \$16,736.30
- Trail Grant Account \$920.51
- Trail Gift Account \$1,216.00
- Trails CPA Account \$4,202.45

Wood Pallets:

Marc reported that the Committee had decided to accept Jon Storer’s offer of boardwalk sections. He will arrange for them to be delivered to the “pole barn” at O’Rourke.

Annual Report:

Steve reported that the 2017 Annual Report had been submitted to the Selectmen.

Estabrook Woods:

Alan gave a brief account of Nick D’Arbeloff’s presentation to the Selectmen at their January 9 meeting relating to the pending Town of Concord lawsuit over trail access to Estabrook Woods. While the situation will be closely monitored, there is no action required from the Committee at this time.

Moonlight Walk:

The moonlight walk, on January 27, attracted 34 people on a beautiful evening.

Discussion Topics:

On-line Mapping:

Roy opened a discussion on considerations and ramifications of using on-line mapping tools. He demonstrated how a QR code located on a trail sign post could be used to show location by linking to Openstreetmaps (OSM), which shows current location and the trail network. A major concern is that the mapping is open-source and therefore not entirely under the control of the Committee; trails on OSM may be shown incorrectly, or may be private with no legal access. Roy noted that we do have the ability to correct problems. While few trails committees currently have their maps online in an interactive form, Acton and Groton are examples of nearby towns that do have good systems online.

New Business:

100 Long Ridge Road:

Marc reported that the plans for the proposed development, approved by the Planning Board, include the Trail Easement at the rear of the property.

Trail Mowing:

Jonathan DeKock said that he would be willing to mow trails if the Committee would provide the appropriate guidance. The consensus of the Committee was that this would be greatly appreciated, but it was important that it be carefully coordinated with the Committee.

Trail Work Since Last Meeting:

Roy, Steve and Marc cleared out the “pole barn” at O’Rourke on January 21.

Future Activities:

Alan will contact Bryan Windmiller about leading a vernal pool walk in the spring.

Schedule Next Meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for March 2.