

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2018
Alan Ankers, Secretary

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

Guests: Sylvia Willard, Bert Willard, Nancy Hartle, Wayne Davis, Jeannie Lieb, Dennis Lieb, Lenny Johnson, Marjorie Johnson, Kay Fairweather, Steve Hinton, Charlene Hinton, Ginny Lamere, Bob Goldsmith, Jay Patrick.

Documents Presented:

None.

Special Recognition:

Marc opened the meeting by recognizing Steve's 33 years of service on the Trails Committee, from its inception. Several former Committee members attended. Steve Hinton presented a copy of the original "Trails in Carlisle" published in 1987 as a photocopied, stapled booklet.

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes for the March 30, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

Trail Book Update:

Louise reported that production is in the final stages, and that the new book will be ready for this year's Old Home Day.

A motion to spend up to \$12,500 from the Trail Maps Account for printing the new books was unanimously approved. This is the spending limit approved by the Selectmen.

Trail Signs:

Steve reported that 25 more painted signs will be completed by the Art Club by the end of the school year in June. These will be in the "C" series for the Cranberry Bog area. 40 signs will then remain, so they should be finished by June 2020.

Rodgers Road Trail:

Steve reported that he would like the Committee to do a more detailed survey of the proposed boardwalks prior to the Wetlands filing. A site visit was scheduled for Saturday May 5 at 4:00 P.M.

New Business:

Trekker Award:

Bob Goldsmith was presented with his Carlisle Trekker Award, becoming the fortieth recipient. He walked all of the trails, starting in November 2017, accompanied by his dog on all except the Great Meadows trails.

Trail Clearing:

Most trails in town are now clear.

22 people attended the Work Day on April 15, and four groups cleared trails primarily at the Cranberry Bog, Foss Farm (woods), Woodward land, Benfield conservation land and Bisbee land. Committee members had previously cleared many larger fallen trees, recorded on the "Trees Down" log.

The Mountain Bike group also provided substantial assistance in clearing many trails, for which the Committee was very grateful.

Boardwalk Repairs:

A number of boardwalks need repair, mostly replacement of deck boards, of which very few remain in the materials stockpile. The Committee unanimously voted to approve the expenditure of up to \$350 from the CPA account to purchase 12' long 2x6 boards and nails. Henry will order the wood, and have it delivered to his house for cutting, which was scheduled for Saturday May 12.

Earth Day Walk:

The Earth Day walk was a success with 20 attendees, despite no notice appearing in the Mosquito. Immediately before the walk, Steve and Alan cleared a new section of bypass trail to avoid the very wet area alongside the pond near the barn.

Volunteer Work:

Alan reported that he had received an offer of volunteer work from Alden Haring, for 25-30 high school seniors, as part of the "Senior Week" Day of Service on Friday May 25. Roy and Warren agreed to supervise a group of 10-12 or two to clear trees from the field edges at Towle and Bisbee. Alan will contact Alden to coordinate the efforts.

Future Activities:

The usual Double Sundae Sunday Saunter walk, as part of the Old Home Day events, will be on June 24. Marc has submitted a request for the usual Old Home Day booth.

Schedule Next Meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for June 1.