

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2018
Alan Ankers, Secretary

Attendance: Alan Ankers, Henry Cox, Roy Herold, Marc Lamere, Warren Spence, Steve Tobin
Guests: Jonathan DeKock, Sylvia Willard, Bert Willard, Melynda Gambino

Documents Presented:

None.

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the June 29 meeting were approved as amended.

Rodgers Road Trail:

Steve reported that the wetlands hearing with ConsCom on September 13 had been successful. The Committee approved reimbursement of \$105 to Steve for the associated Mosquito notice, to be paid from the Trails Grant Account.

Russell Street Trails:

Marc reported that he had met with Joey LaPointe, the contractor, at the site on July 18 to discuss where the trail crosses the driveway. Sylvia noted that the parcel of conservation land had now been deeded to the Town.

Greystone Trail Signs:

Alan reported that he was scheduled to meet the neighbors to discuss details of the signpost on September 9.

Trail Mowing:

Jonathan DeKock reported that he had tried mowing the Town Forest and had been able to cover most of the main trails. He suggested that these trails should be mowed twice a year, but that the Foss Farm trails will need to be mowed more frequently, perhaps monthly. The South Field at Foss is problematic: there is very little space to maneuver since the corn extends close to the edges.

O'Rourke Storage:

Materials were moved (by Steve, Roy, Henry and Alan) to the "pole barn" on August 19. The large barn has now been demolished.

Trail Adoption:

Warren had drafted guidelines for trail adoption by volunteers, which were reviewed by the Committee. It was agreed that all references to chainsaws should be removed. Steve had a number of suggested edits; Warren will make these revisions and resubmit for general approval, with the title "Trail Adoption Guidelines."

Web Site:

Alan reported that the new Town web site does not yet include all of the information from the Trails Committee's independent web site, so the two will continue to run in parallel for the time being. Marc noted that the Committee member listing needed to be updated on the independent web site.

New Business:**Pathways Committee:**

Melynda Gambino gave an update on the activities of the Pathways II Committee. She noted that there has been an increase in traffic since the first phase of pathways construction in 2008. Current priorities are the sections of Bedford Road between East Street and the Library, and near Kimball's. Their main problem is funding. They are working with the Complete Streets program on public safety at the crosswalks and to reduce speed limits.

Associate Member:

Jonathan DeKock was nominated and unanimously approved as an official Associate Member of the Committee. Steve will recommend this appointment to the Selectmen, and review the rules applicable to Associate Membership.

Bartlett Farm:

Marc reported that there is an agreement between the land owners and CRAC that will revise the CR to include a trail easement. Parts of the trail will need to be relocated.

Greenough Dam:

In conjunction with the proposed repair work on the dam, the Committee voted to authorize Steve to write a letter of support to ConsCom, noting the importance of the dam as a trail.

Process Input:

The Committee reviewed the "Proposed Process Input" submitted by Tracey Stout. The suggested process was generally considered to be too onerous, but all agreed that there were lessons to be learned and that improved communication was important. Marc suggested that a more formal process was required for setting goals. Jonathan suggested the process followed in creating a new trail could be described on the web site. Discussion will continue.

Finance:

Marc reported the various account balances as follows:

- Trail Maps Account \$5,789.80
- Trail Grant Account \$920.51
- Trail Gift Account \$1,246.00
- Trails CPA Account \$3,762.36

Town Boundaries:

Roy suggested that the Committee could offer to take on the Selectmen's duty of periodically walking the Town Boundaries, which seems to have not been done recently. All agreed; Roy will follow up with the Selectmen.

Recent Trail Work:

Steve cleared numerous trees at Towle, Foss, Beaver Trail, Davis Corridor, and Marion's Trail.

Warren cleared a large pine on the Pine Loop at Greenough.

Roy cleared an oak from Hal's Boardwalk.

Future Activities:

Work on the Rodgers Road boardwalks was scheduled for Saturday October 13 and October 20, with Sunday as the rain date in each case.

Schedule Next Meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for October 5.