

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

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

Guests: Jonathan DeKock, Sylvia Willard, Bert Willard

Documents Presented:

None.

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the October 5 meeting were approved as amended.

Rodgers Road Trail:

The new boardwalks were completed over two weekends in October. The Committee voted to approve the following payments:

- \$2712.80 to Concord Lumber, billed to the Town, to be reimbursed from the CPA Account;
- \$22.05 for six pairs of gloves from O'Connor Hardware, charged to the Town DPW, to be reimbursed from the CPA Account;
- \$39.66 to reimburse Sylvia Willard for refreshments, from the Trails Grant Account.

Additional reimbursement for refreshments will be due to Louise and Bert, but requests have not yet been submitted.

Russell Street Trails:

Marc noted that the developer had agreed, at an earlier Planning Board meeting, to reimburse 50% of the cost of boardwalks, up to \$5,000. Marc will follow up on this since the project is moving towards completion, although the details of the proposed boardwalks have not yet been finalized.

Trail Mowing:

Jonathan reported that he had mowed the trail around the South Field at Foss. With the corn harvested, it became clear that there are a couple of rutted areas that need to be leveled out, and there are several downed trees across the trail that obstruct mowing.

Finance:

Marc reported that the previous CPA Funding request had been for \$15,000 over a period of five years, subsequently extended by three years. He will investigate whether CPA funds can be used for repair or replacement of boardwalks.

Associate Membership:

Steve reported that the Selectmen will consider Jonathan's proposed appointment at their November 13 meeting. The charter currently has no provision for Associate Members, so it will

likely need to be amended.

Bay Circuit Trail Presentation:

Alan reported that the BCT presentation by Dan and Marilyn Brielmann was well attended, with over 40 people present. He will send a copy of the trail book to them with a note of thanks.

New Business:

Slick Boardwalks:

Steve reported that the mountain bike group had noted several slick boardwalks, while completing their ride in wet conditions. Several potential options were discussed to combat this, including wire mesh and abrasive paint. The consensus was that most solutions may create their own problems. Since the build-up of leaves appears to be a major contributing factor, Steve suggested that efforts be made to clear leaves from the boardwalks in the fall.

Banta-Davis Trails:

Warren noted that Rec Com prohibits dogs on the playing fields. With the completion of the new boardwalks on the Rodgers Road trail, there may be more people and dogs using that trail, which then crosses part of the field. Moving that short section of trail into the woods seems to be feasible. Warren will ask Rec Com and the School Committee to clarify whether the restrictions on dogs also apply to the section of trail that skirts the field.

Greenough Dam:

Sylvia reported that she had spoken to Billerica's Conservation Commission, seeking support for the repair work on the dam. She would like to give them a copy of the new Trail Book; all agreed that this was appropriate.

Recent Trail Work:

Steve cleared trees at Heartbreak Ridge, Red Tail trail, Poole's Swamp and Rockstrom. Roy cleared numerous trees from Towle, Two Rod Road, Red Tail trail, Woodhaven, Davis Corridor and Greenough.

Future Activities:

Two sections of the Tobin bridge need to be repaired, scheduled for Sunday November 4.
Sign posts to be installed at Daniels Lane and Hanover Road, November 10.
The annual Post-Thanksgiving walk will be on November 23. Steve presented a proposed route, starting at the school, that will include the new Rodgers Road boardwalks and the new trail at Woodhaven Farm.

Schedule Next Meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for December 7.